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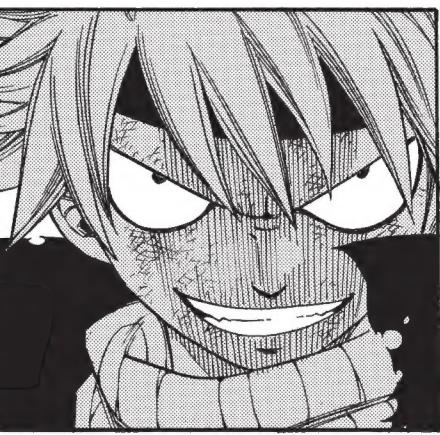
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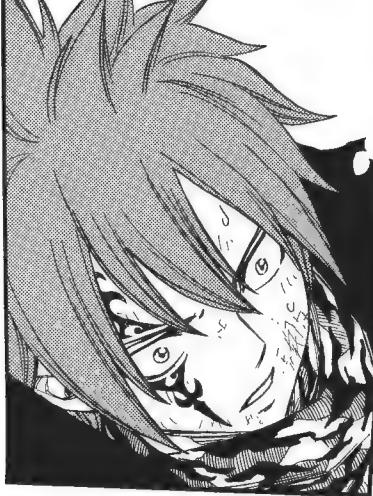


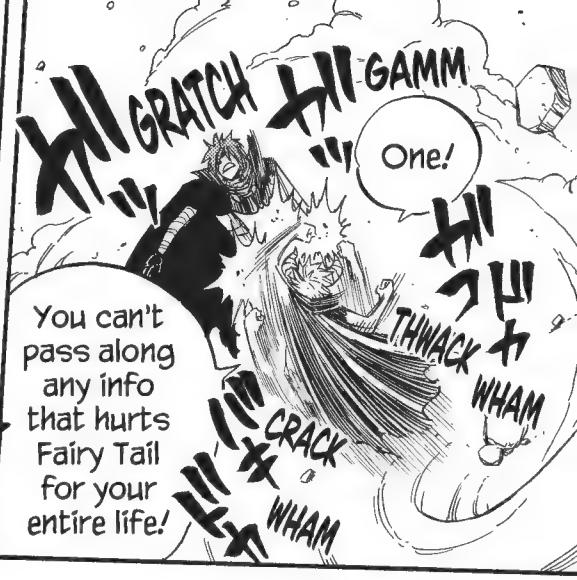














Mystogan!

Hope we  
meet again  
someday...

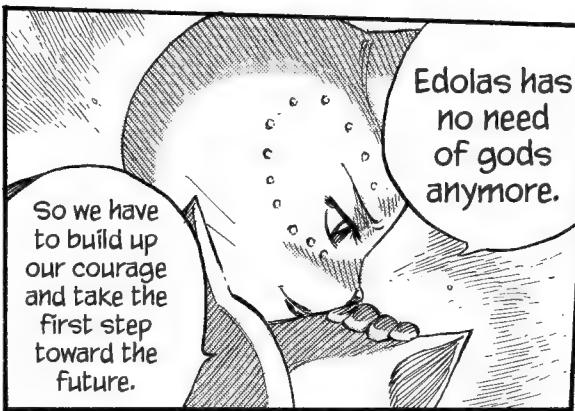
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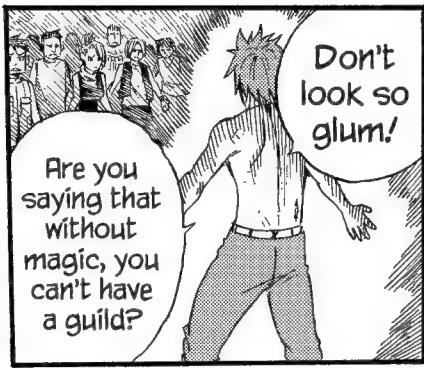
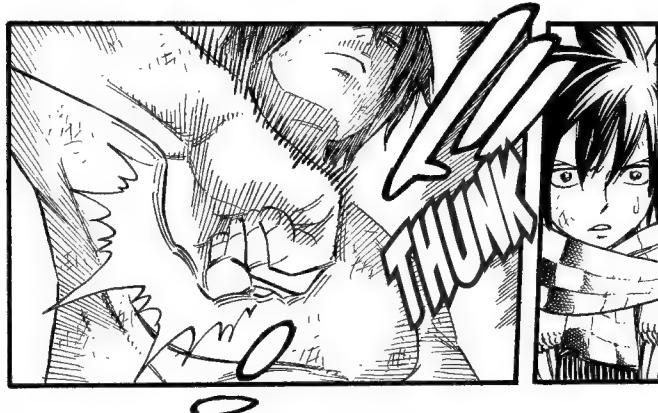
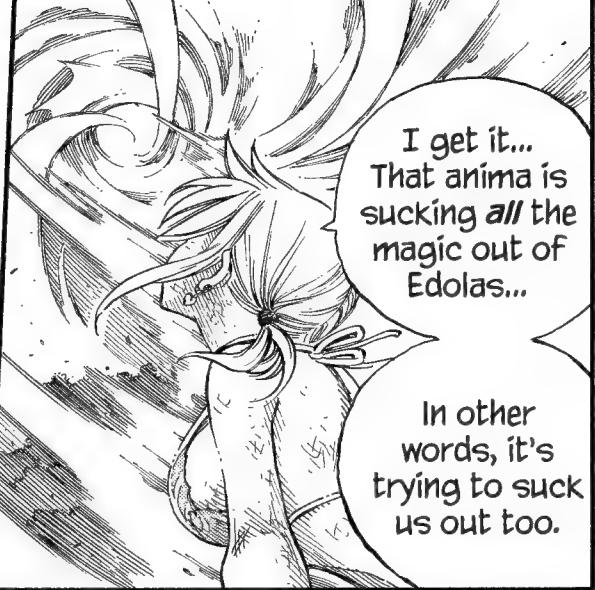
Natsu  
...

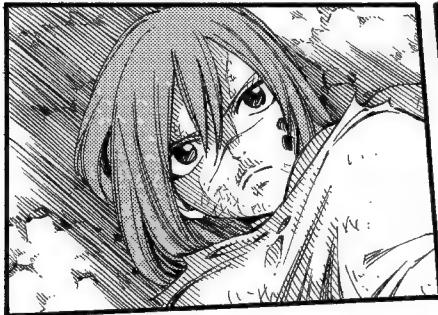
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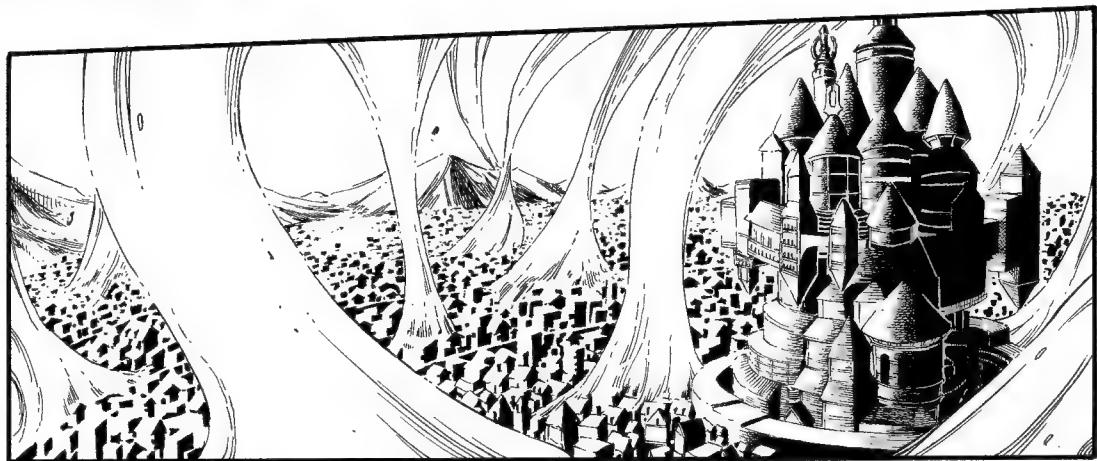
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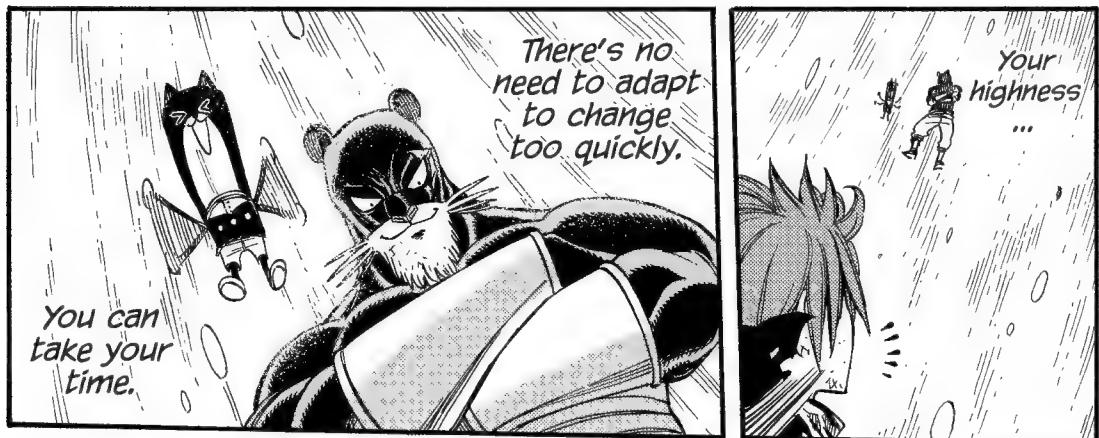












Bye-  
bye,  
Edo-  
Lucy  
!!!

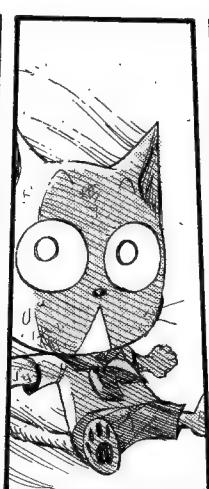
And  
every-  
body  
from the  
other  
Fairy  
Tail!!!!

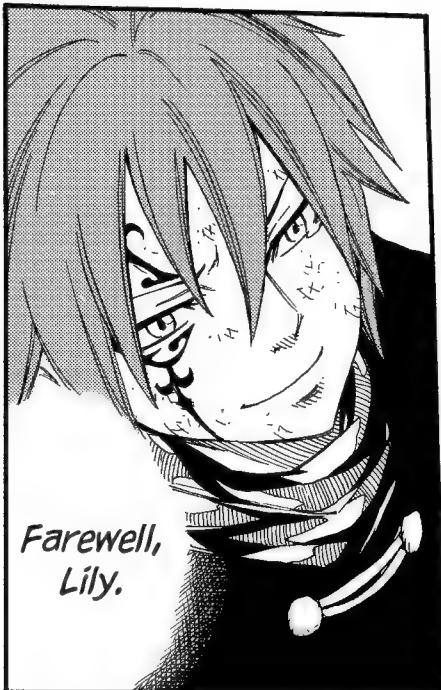
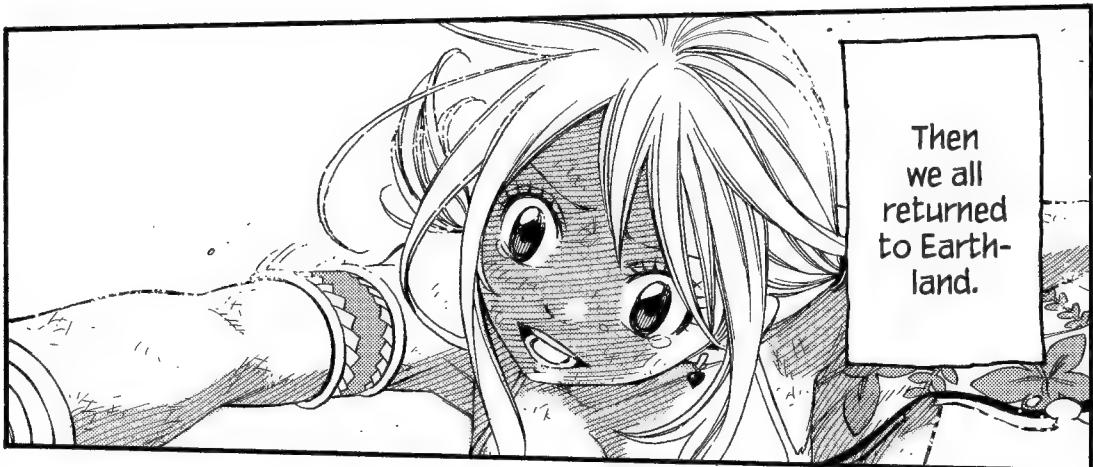


Waaaah!!  
Goodbye  
!!!

What are you  
saying?! You  
will never see  
them again!

See you  
later,  
every-  
body!!!





And  
Natsu...  
Gajeel...  
Wendy...

Farewell  
to Fairy  
Tail, my  
family.



I have  
defeated the  
Demon God  
Dragneel  
without  
magic!!!!

Even  
without any  
magic...

... we  
humans  
can live  
on!!!!

After all...it's  
a world where  
people know  
what's truly  
important.

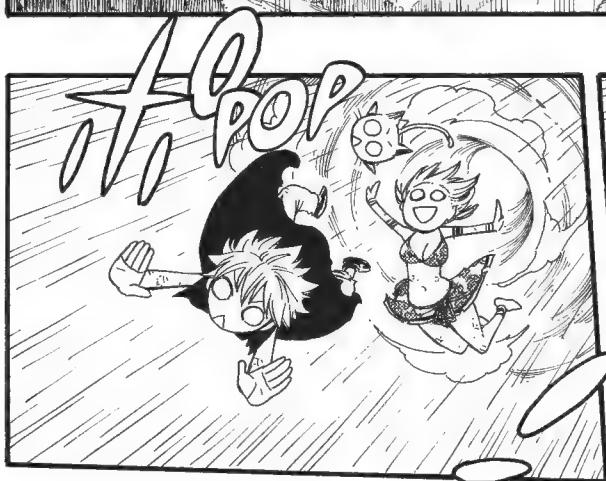
...but I  
believe they  
kept living  
and going  
strong.

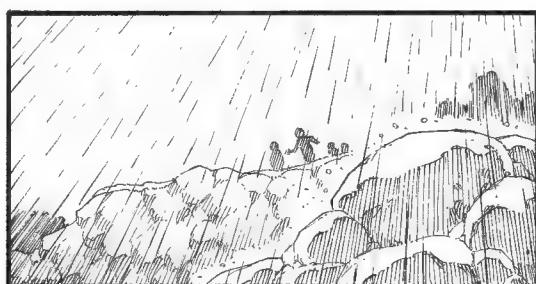
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## Chapter 198: The Wings to Tomorrow





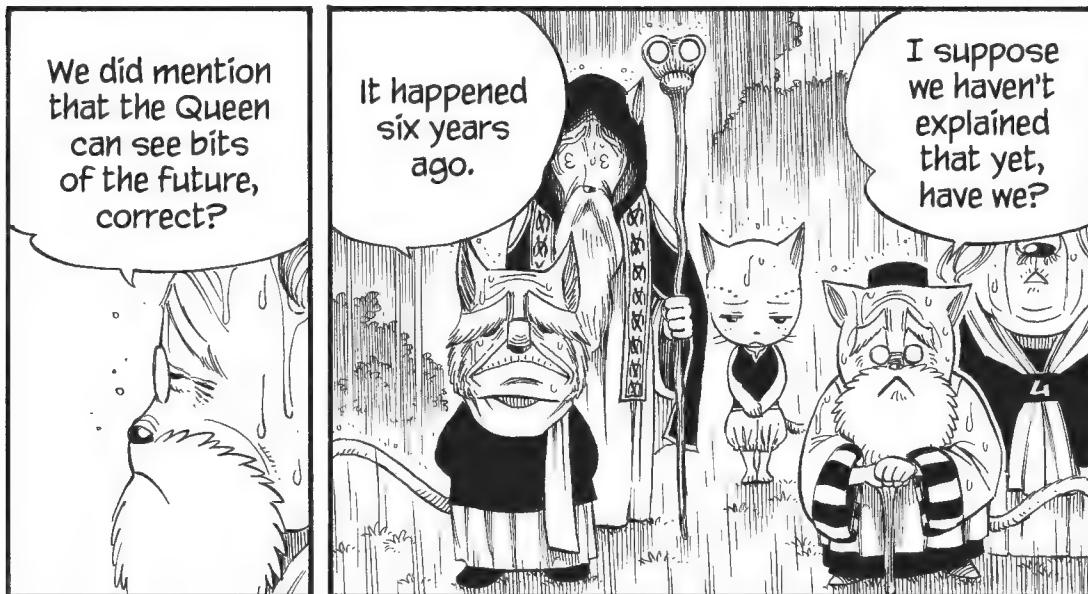






You people  
gave me  
an *order*  
to murder  
a dragon  
slayer and  
sent me to  
Earth-  
land!!!

I don't  
care  
about  
that!!!



...but at the time, we were convinced that the humans were the cause.

In hindsight, it was caused naturally by the extraction of all the magic from Edolas...

One day, Chagot foresaw that Extalia would crash to the ground.

SMASH  
KABMBM..

...and devised a plan that would allow 100 children to escape from Edolas.

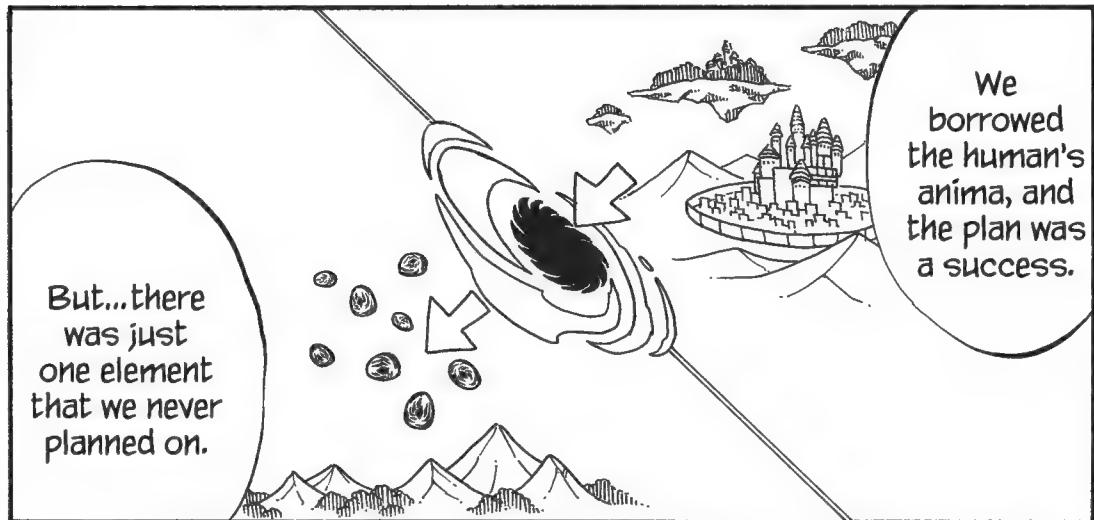
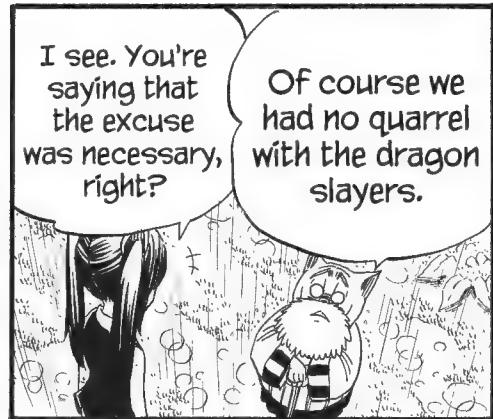
We knew who the victor would be if we went to war with the humans...

...so we held a conference.

We executed the plan in secret, hiding it even from the people of Extalia.

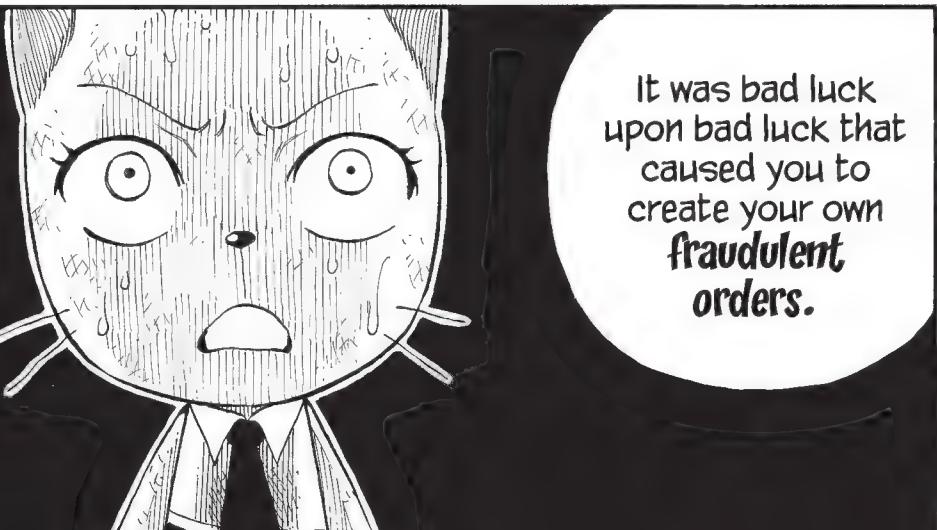
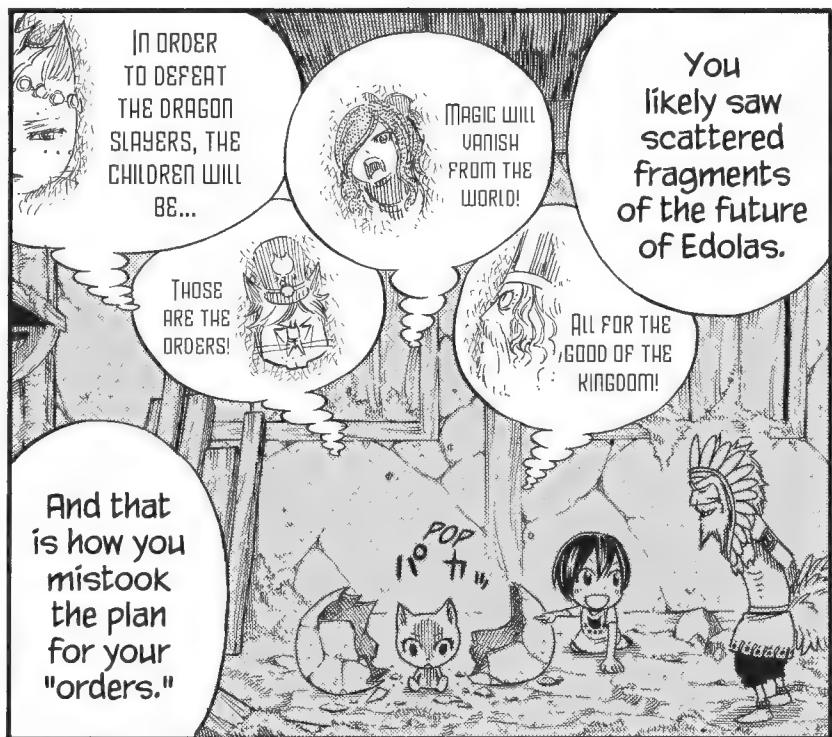
Publicly, we said it was a plan to eliminate the threat of the monstrous, otherworldly dragon slayers.

Did you say escape ?!!



Like me, you have the power of foresight.



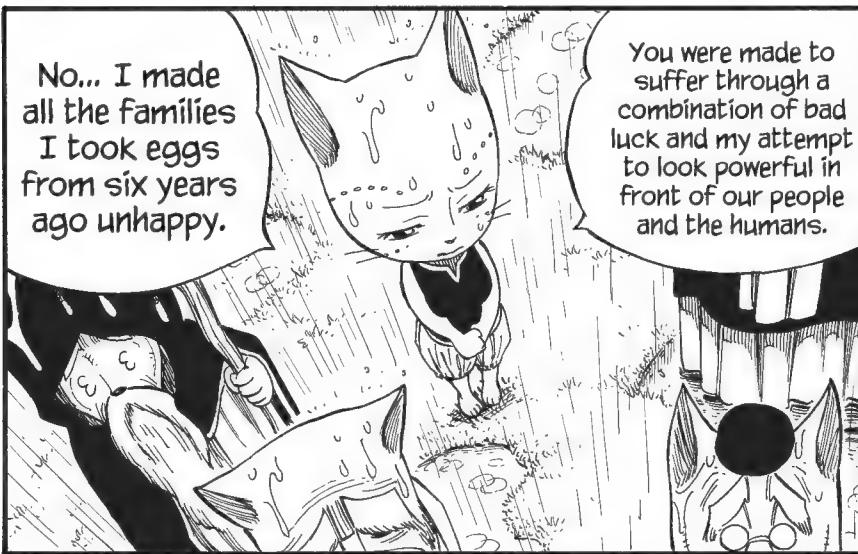




We decided it was best if you didn't know of your power...



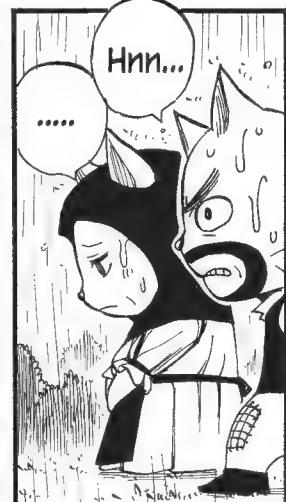
There is a way to get close to the King.

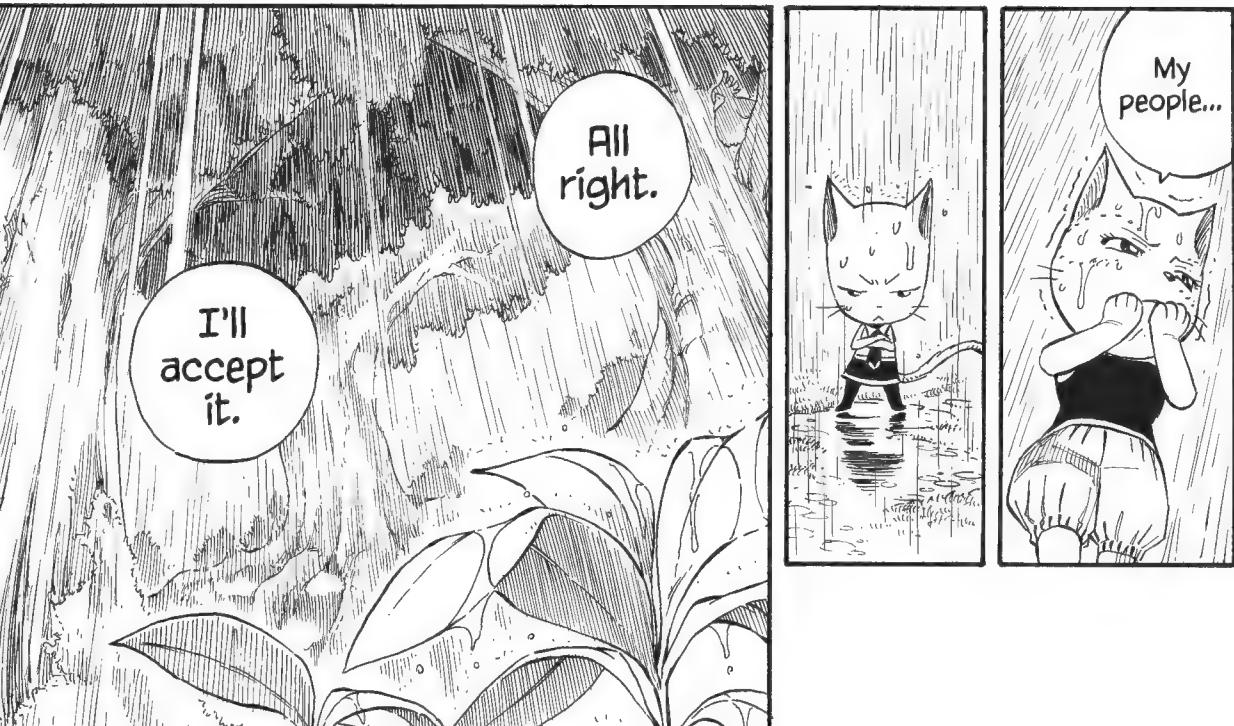


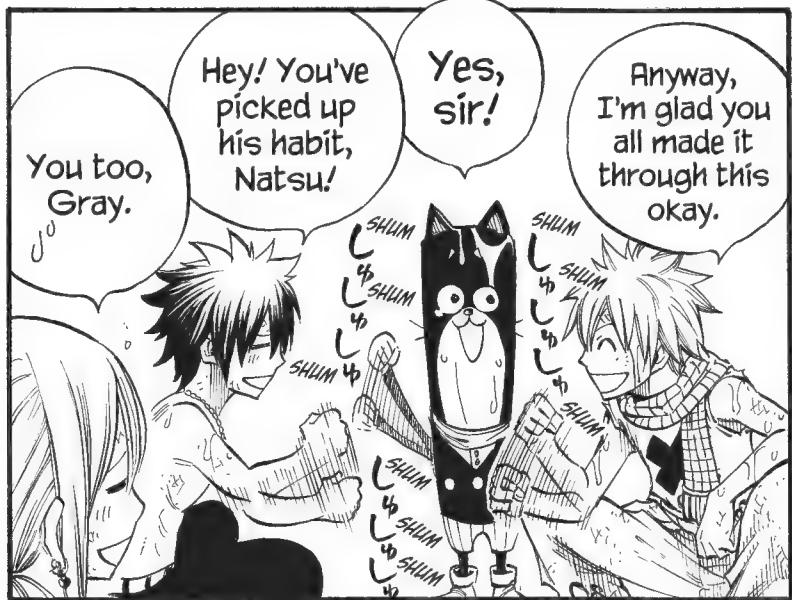
You were made to suffer through a combination of bad luck and my attempt to look powerful in front of our people and the humans.

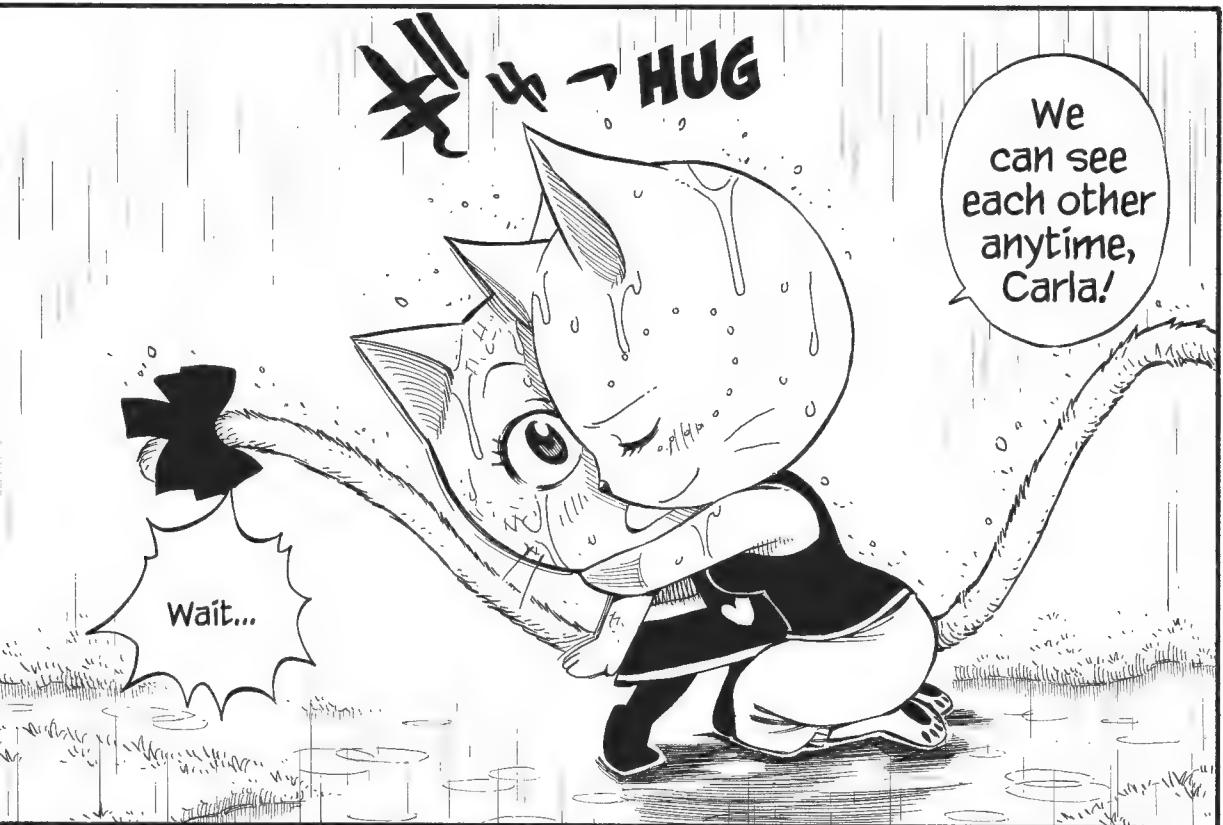


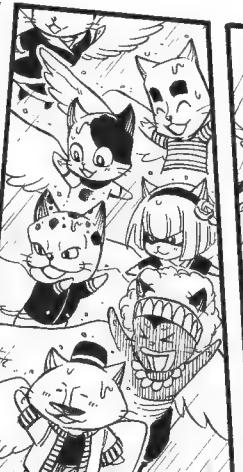
That is why I passed the sword to you.

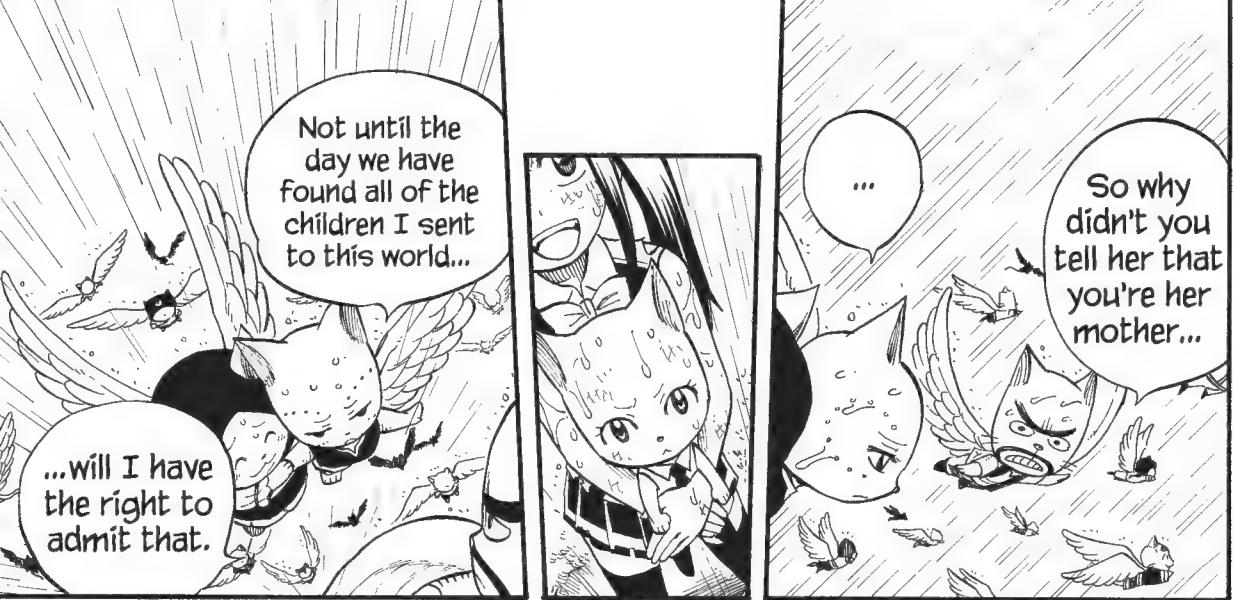










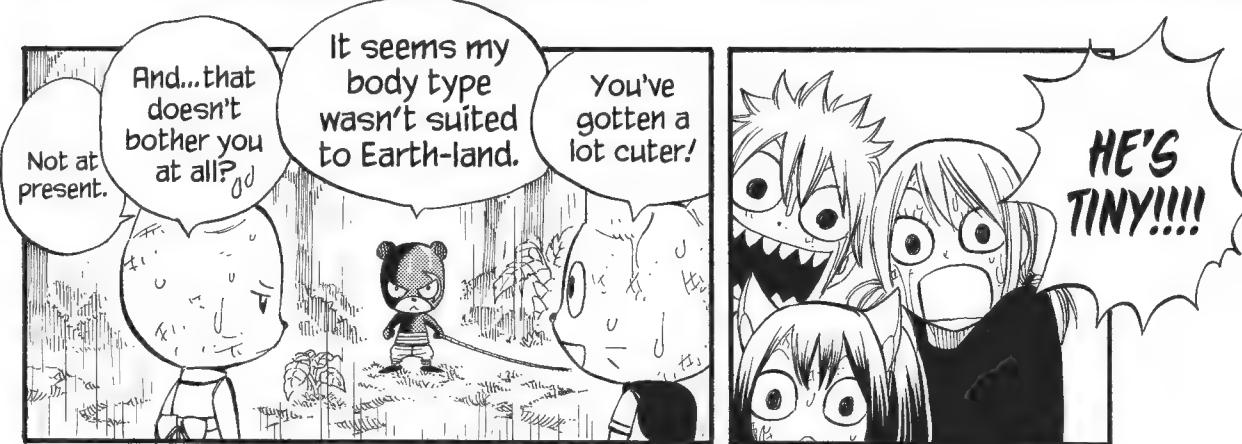


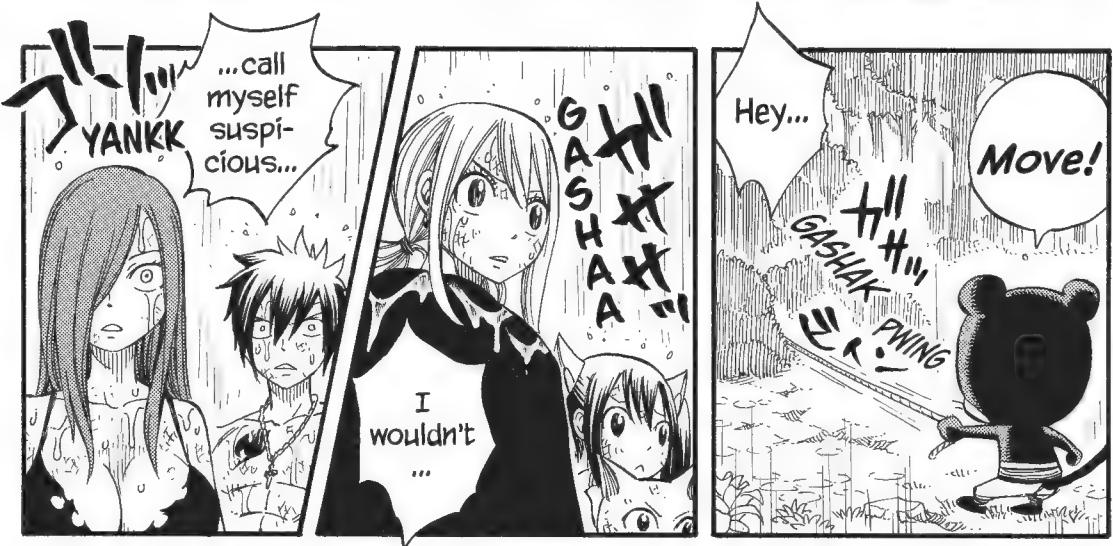


But a  
mother's own  
child is always  
dearest to  
her.

Kaaaah!!  
That's the  
truth!









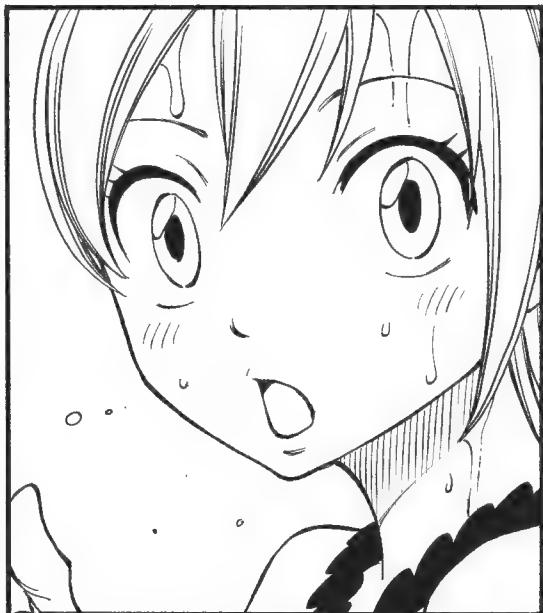
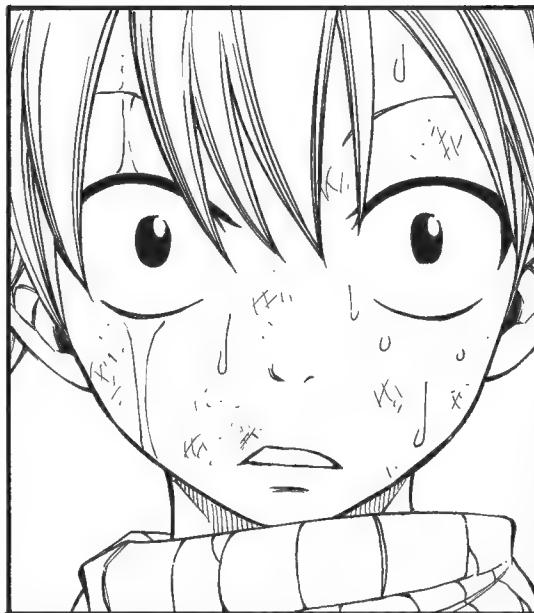
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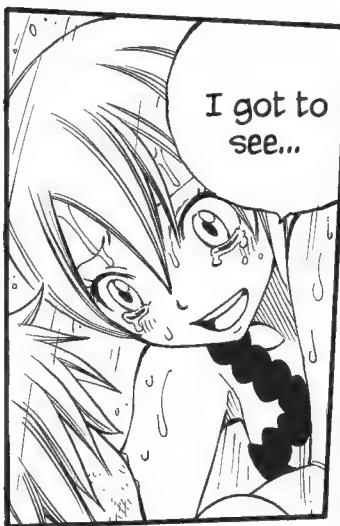
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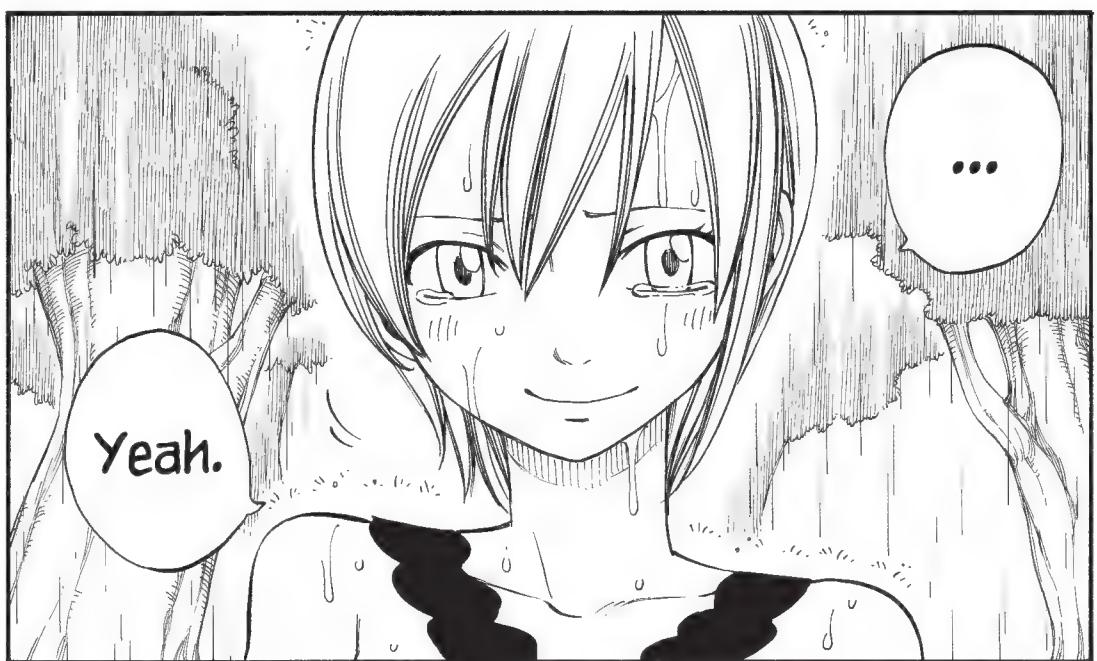
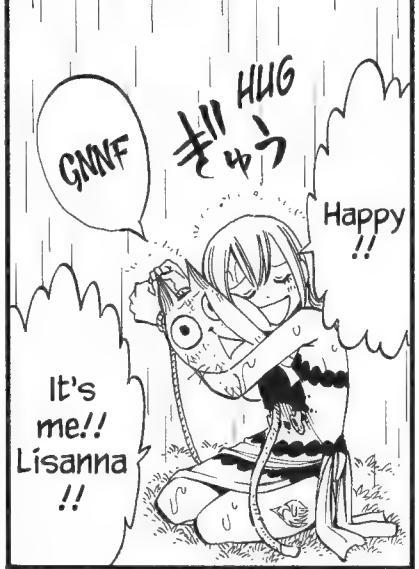
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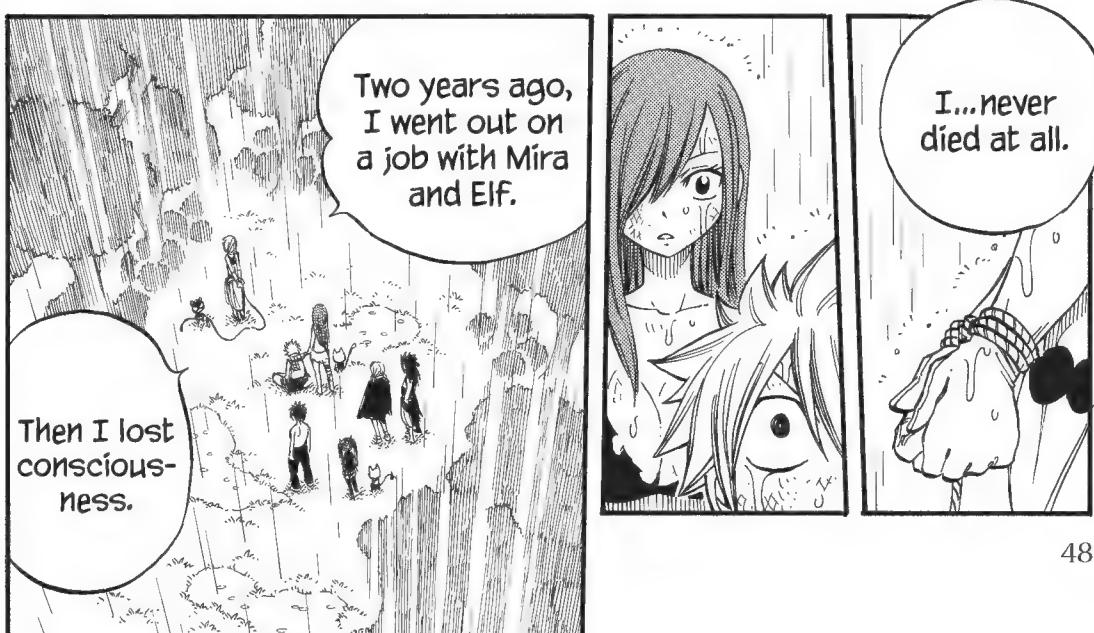


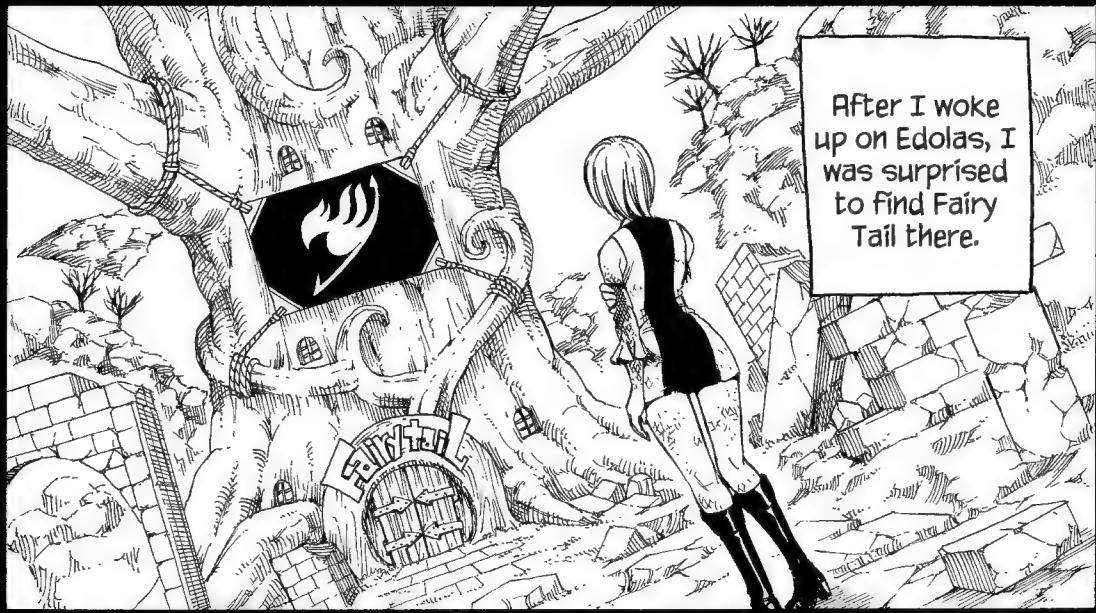






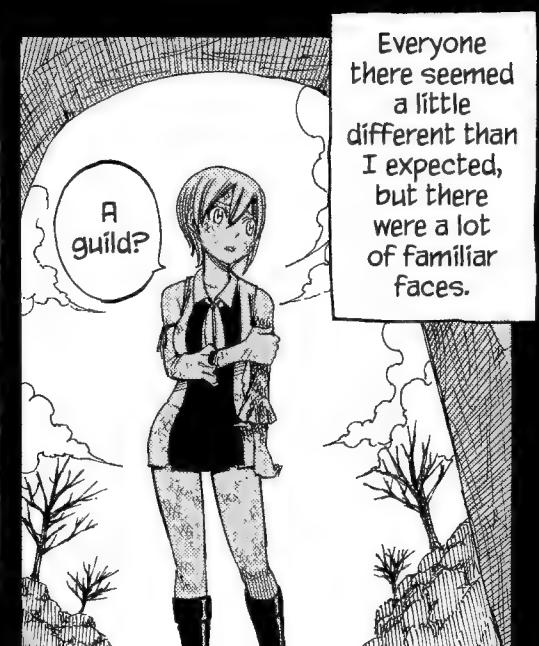


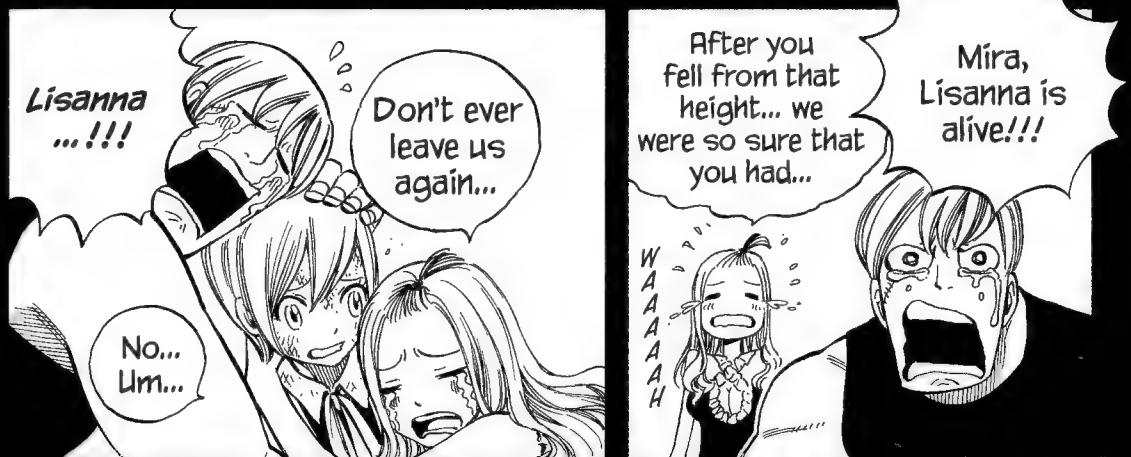




Lisanna!

Everyone there  
mistook  
me for  
the Edolas  
Lisanna.







At first I was really dis-oriented ...

...but I tried to fit in.

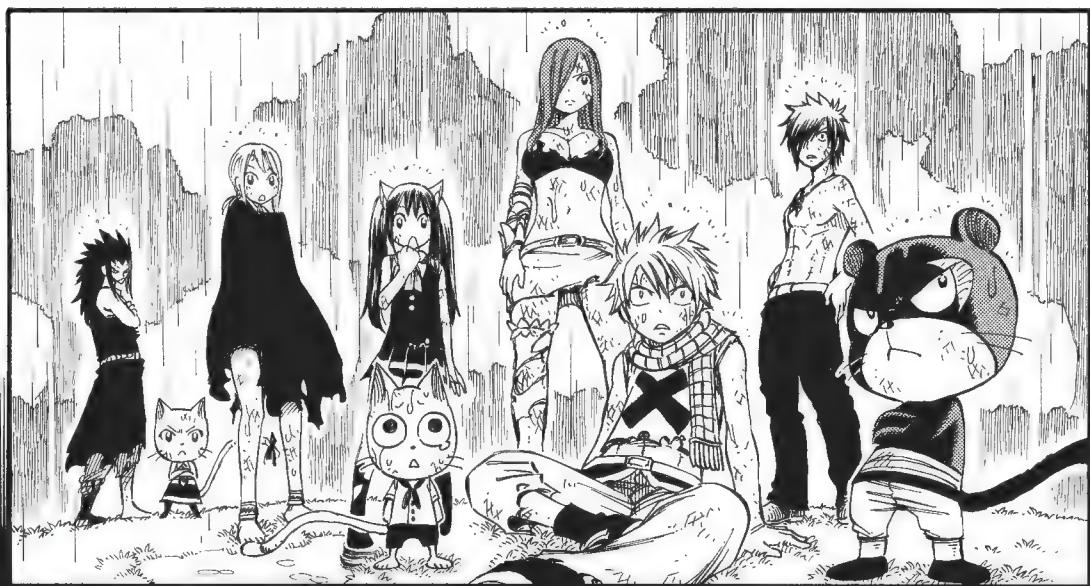


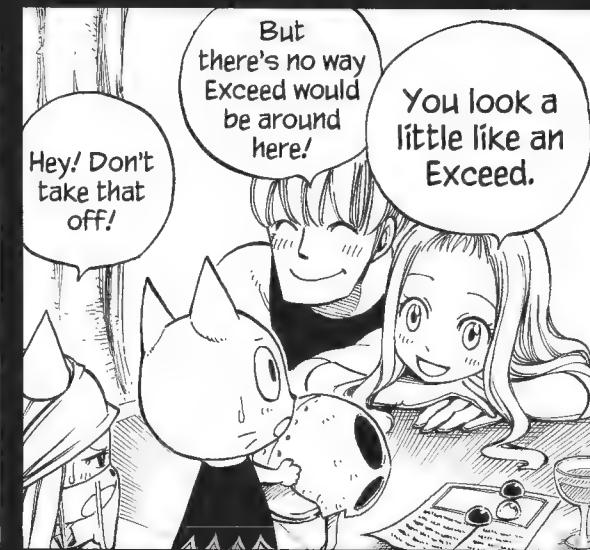
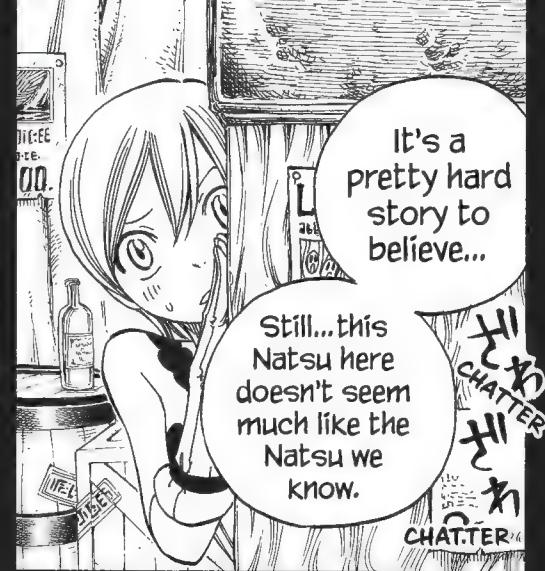
...Earth-land Natsu and Happy appeared.

Lisanna  
!!!!

...six days ago...









I don't want  
to make Mira  
and Elf sad  
like that ever  
again!

SHIVER  
SHIVER

I can't  
let anyone  
know...



And  
keep on  
living  
here on  
Edolas...



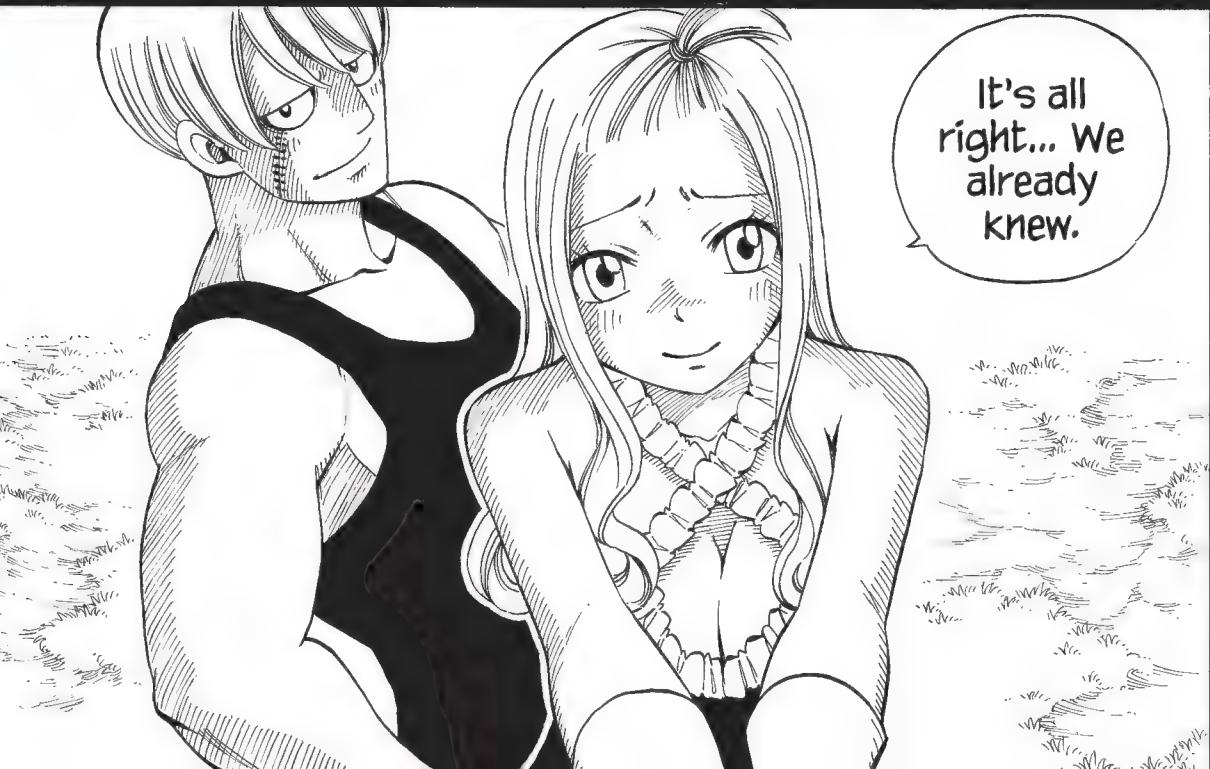
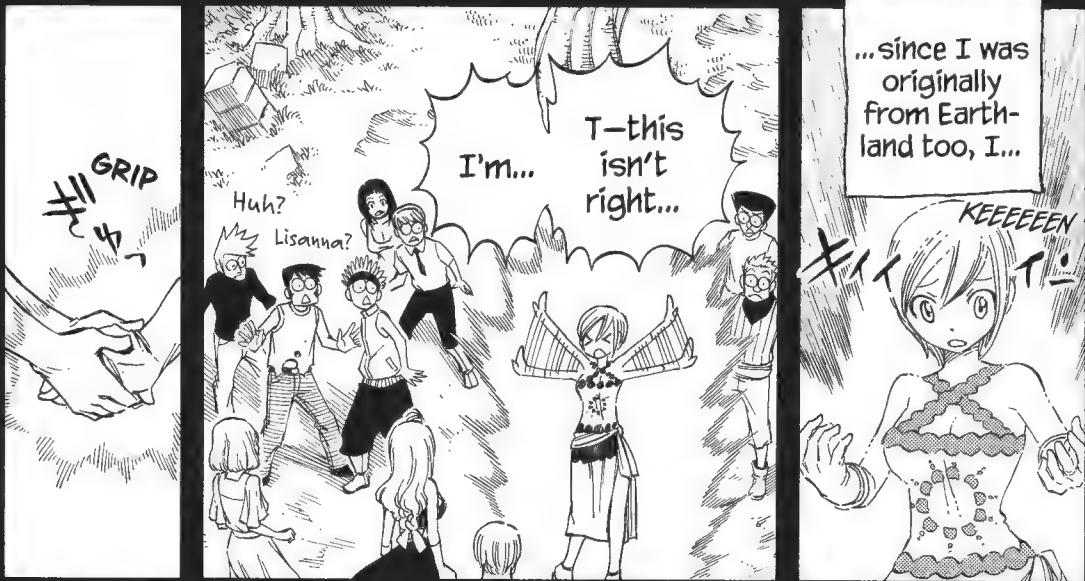
I just  
have to  
grit my  
teeth  
and bear  
it!!!

...when all the magic on Edolas was sucked up through the anima...

And everybody from the other Fairy Tail!!!!

Bye-bye, Edo-LUCY !!!!

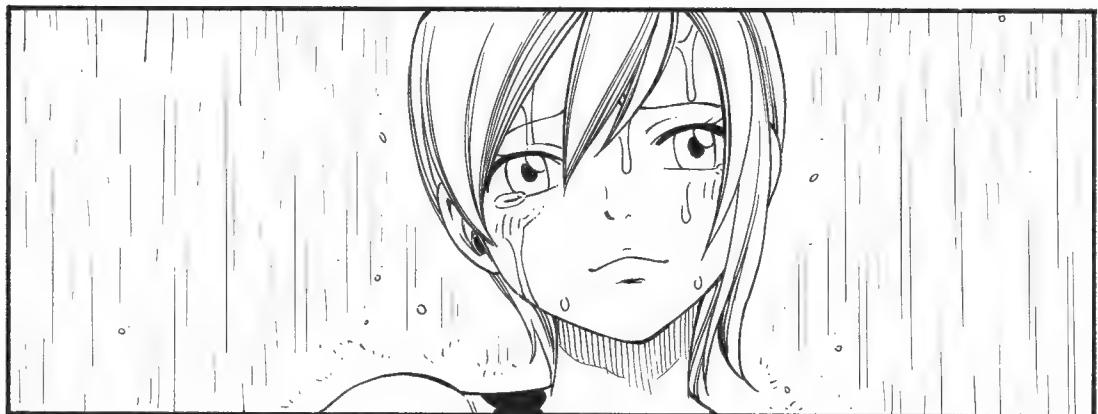
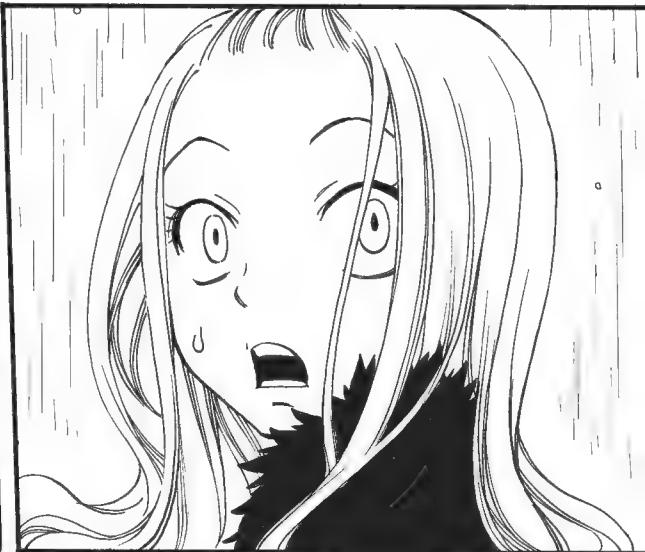
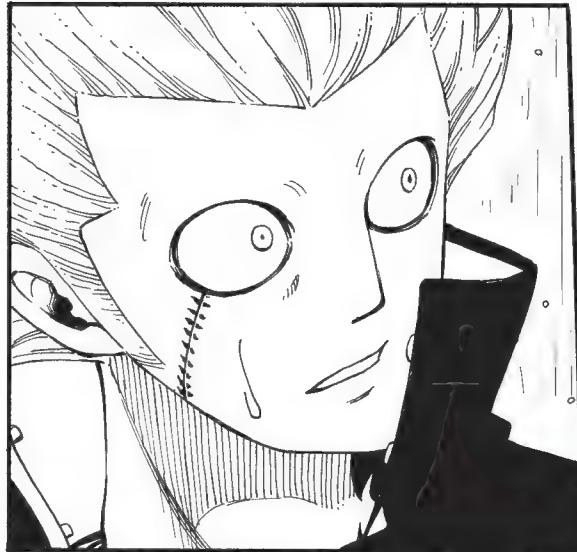
But then...

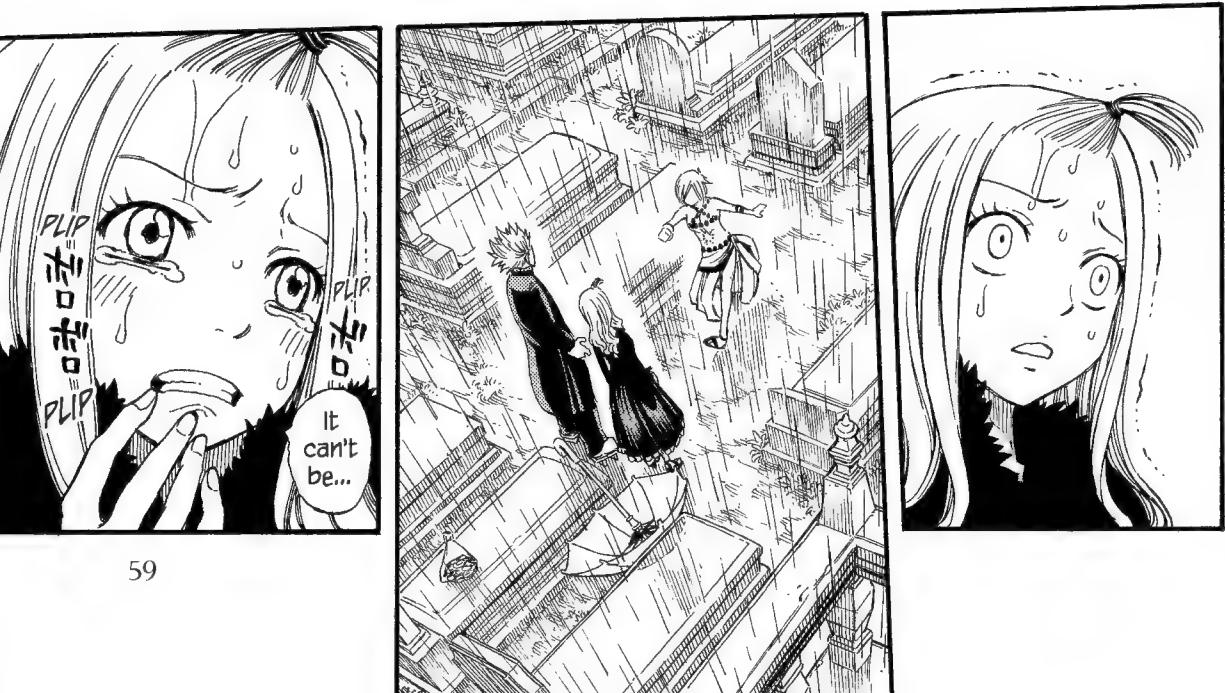
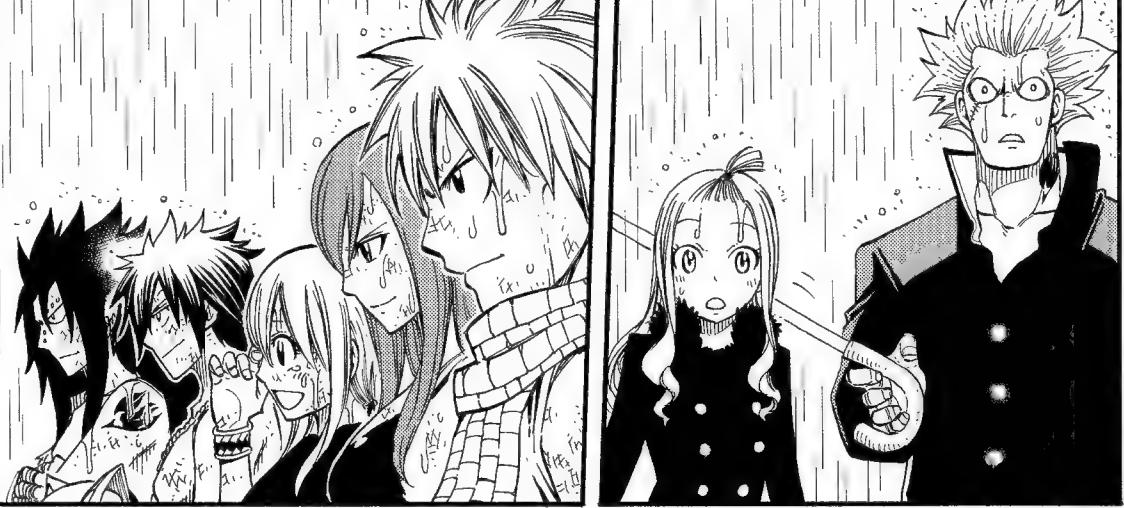


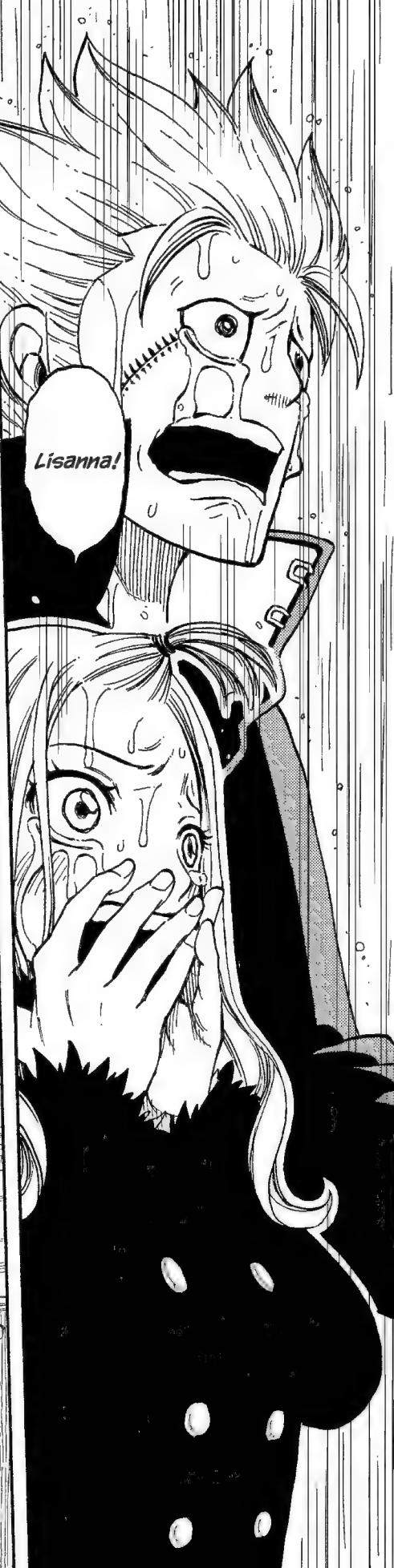
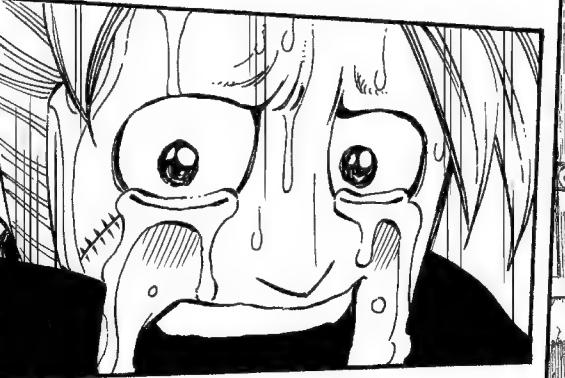


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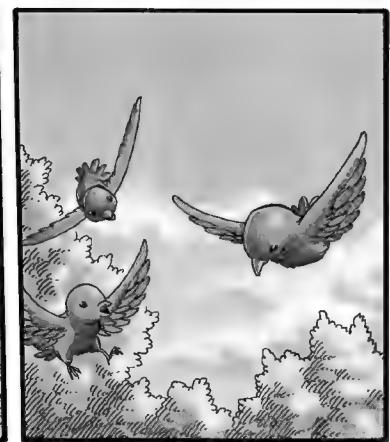
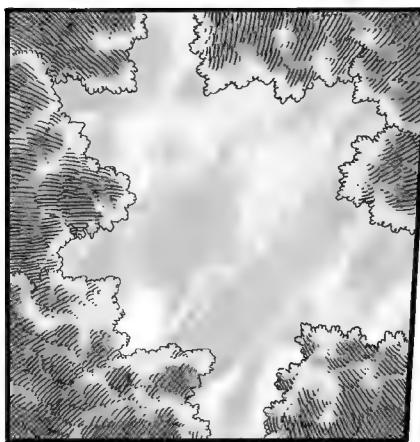
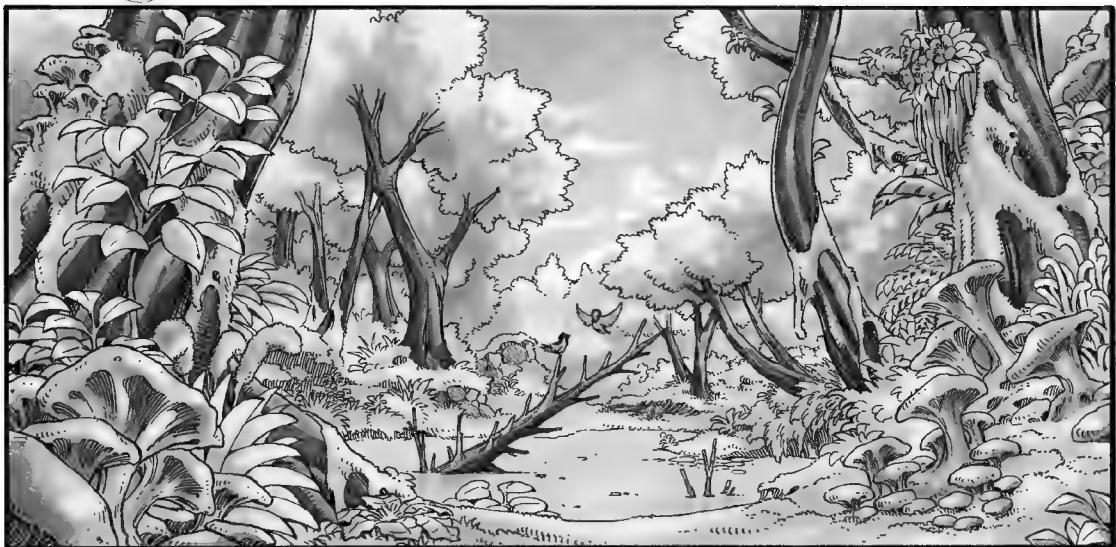












## Chapter 200: He Who Snuffs Out Life

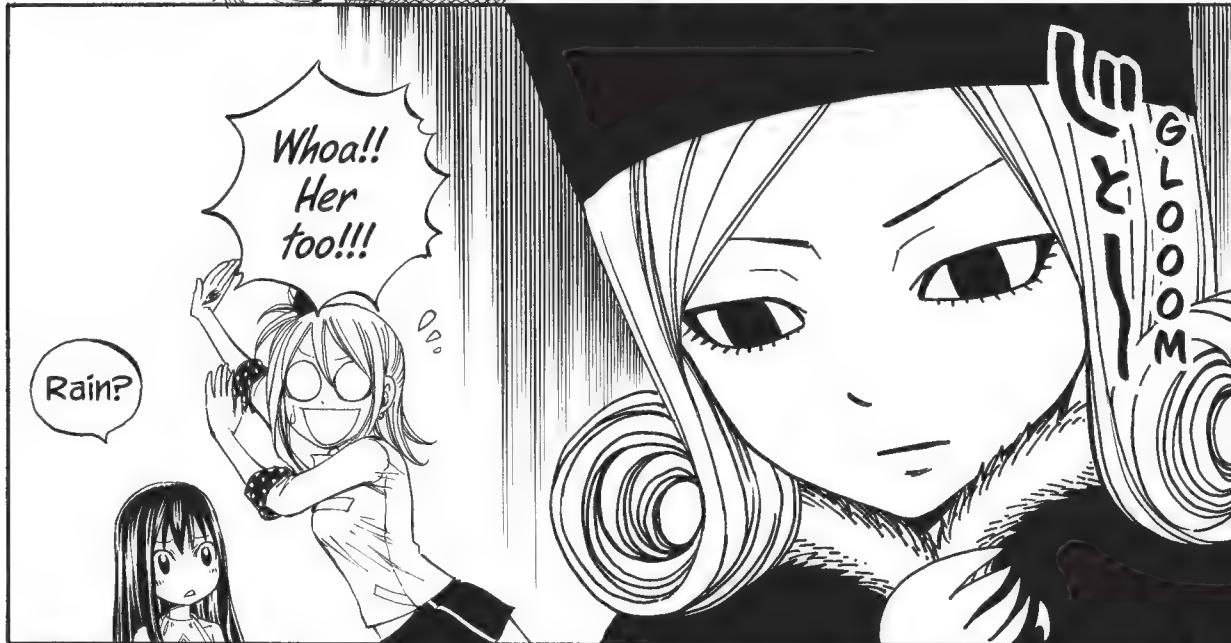
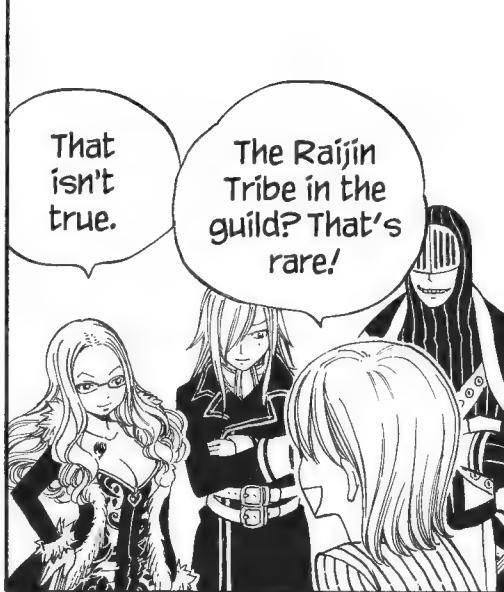
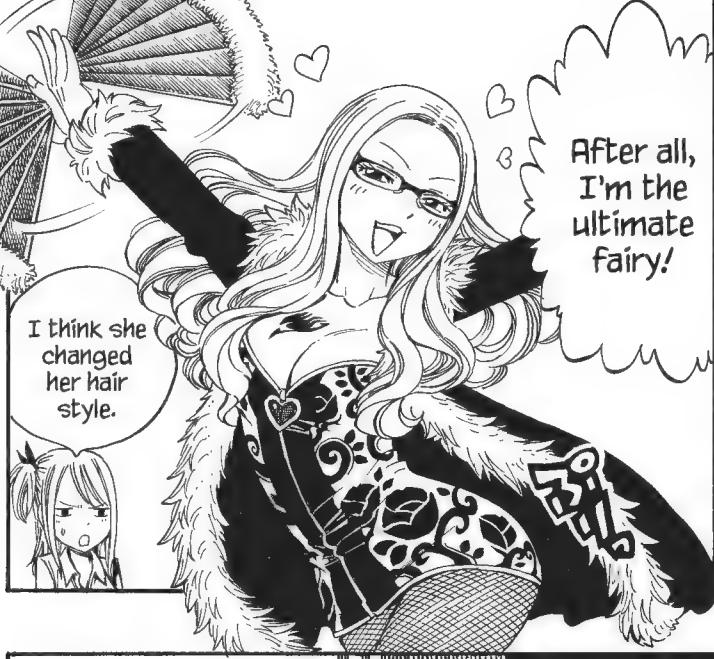


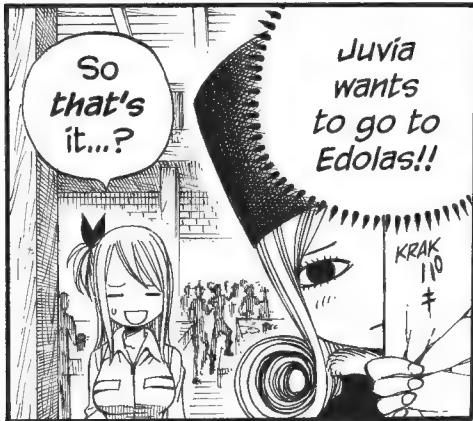


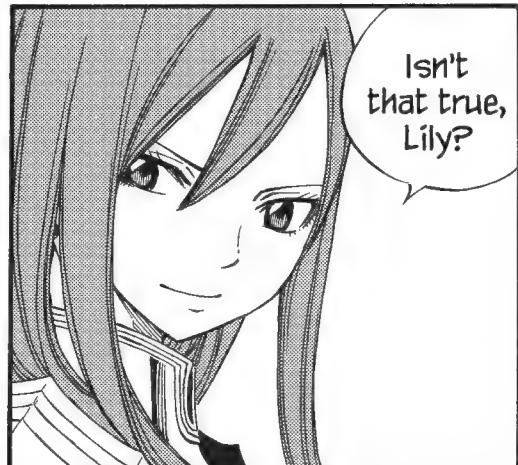
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Huh?

Let's have  
a big battle  
between  
my Lily and  
your blue  
and white  
cats!!!

Hey!!!  
Salamander  
!!!!  
Little  
girl!!!

Gee  
hee!

That's  
a great  
idea!!!

It looks like  
some dangerous  
guys have their  
eye on you.

Stop... I may  
not be much to  
look at now, but  
I commanded a  
division of wizards.

That's just  
pitiful... How can  
you give up so  
easily?

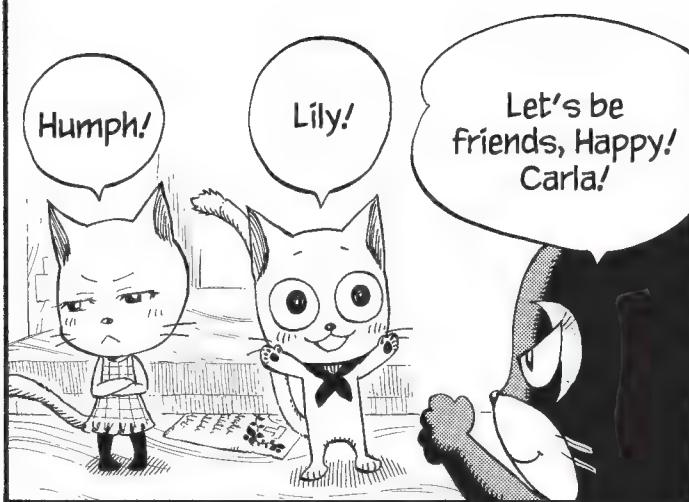
Well when I  
say Happy is  
a cat, he's a  
cat, period!  
you jerk!!

Just to warn  
you, when I say  
my Lily is the  
strongest, he's  
the strongest,  
period!

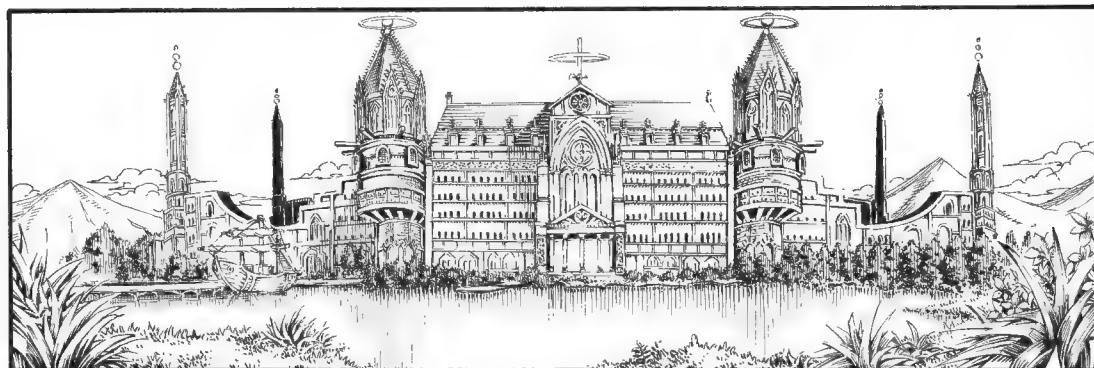
Meaningless  
battles only result  
in injury.

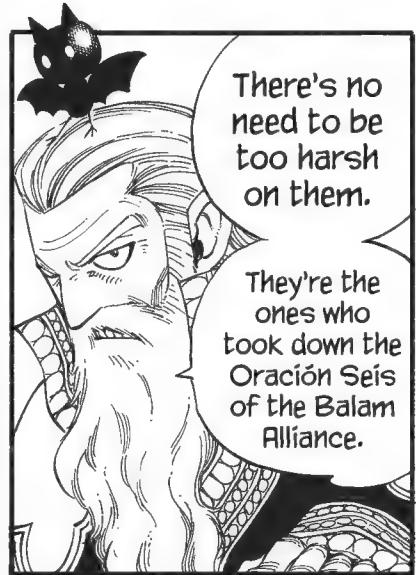
You  
think  
I've got  
a shot?!

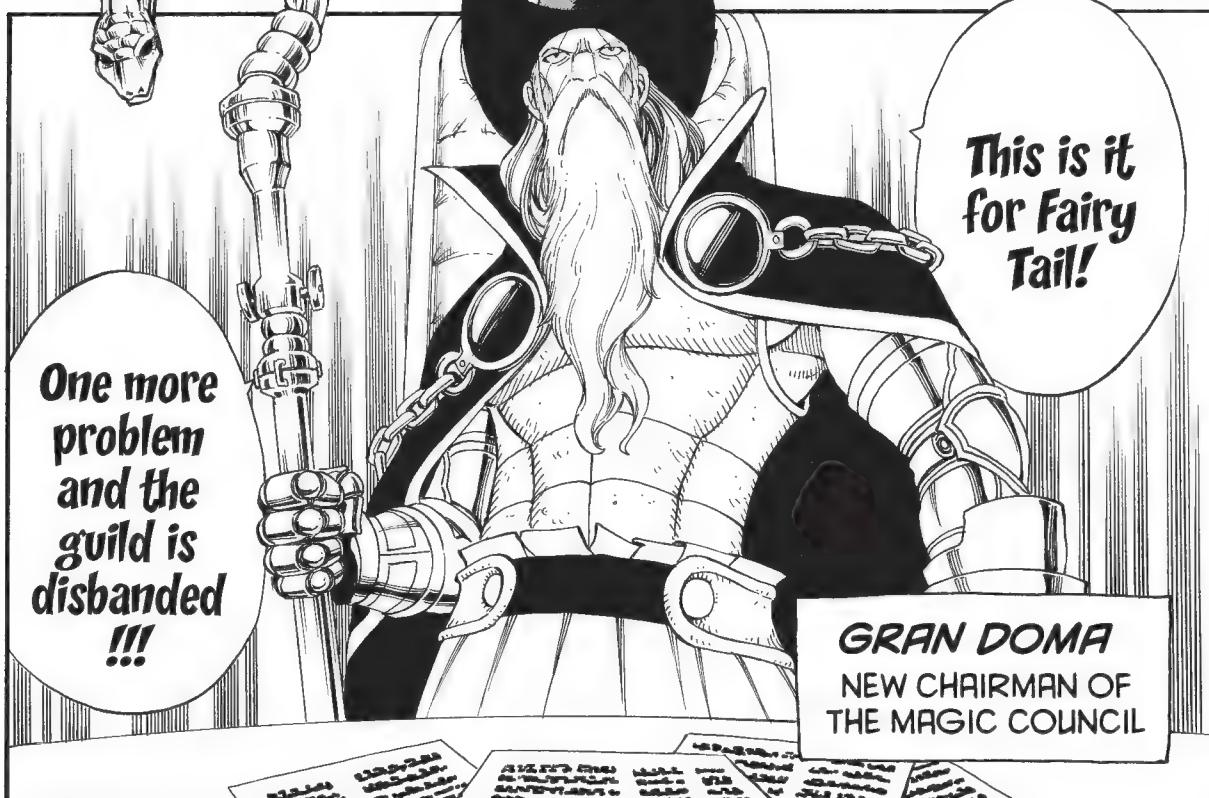
Listen... I  
wouldn't last  
a second,  
you know...







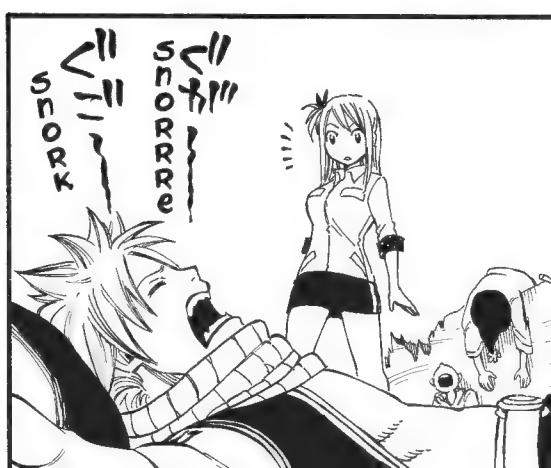
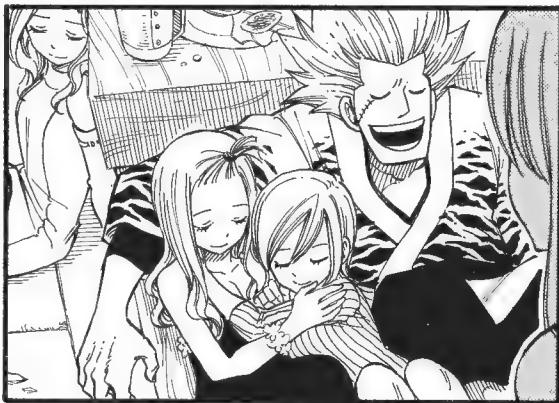


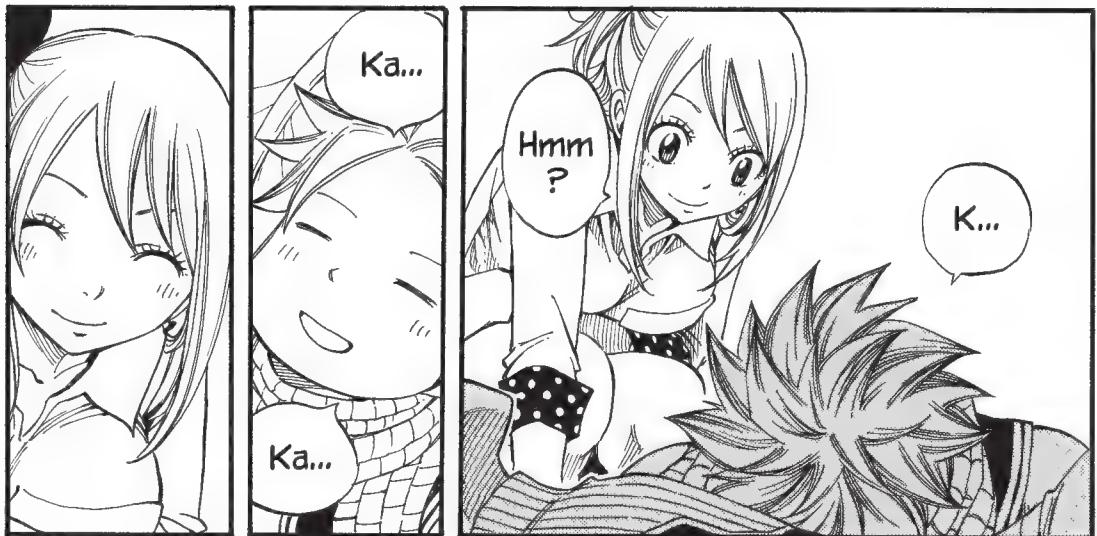


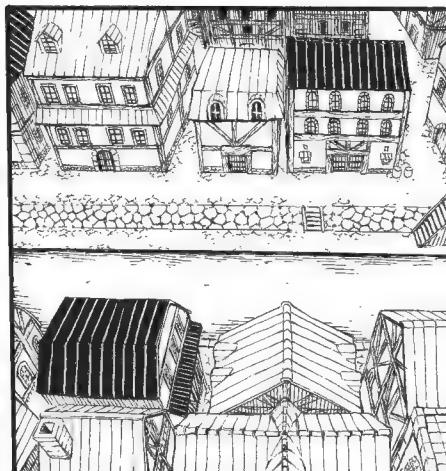
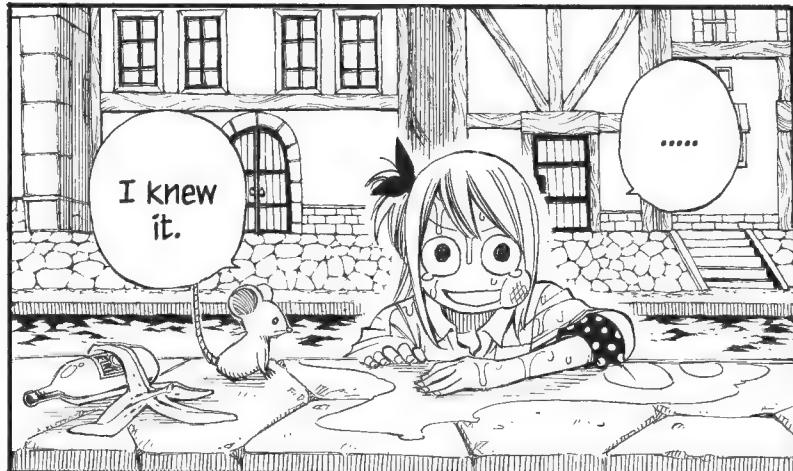
All for  
the sacred  
discipline  
of the  
world of  
magic!!!!

BOOM



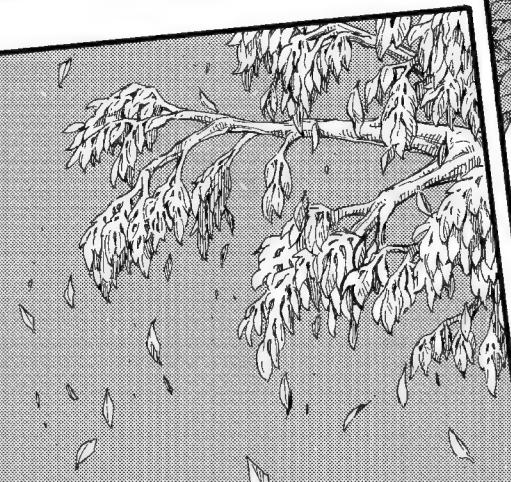














Natsu...

I hope  
I can  
see you  
soon!

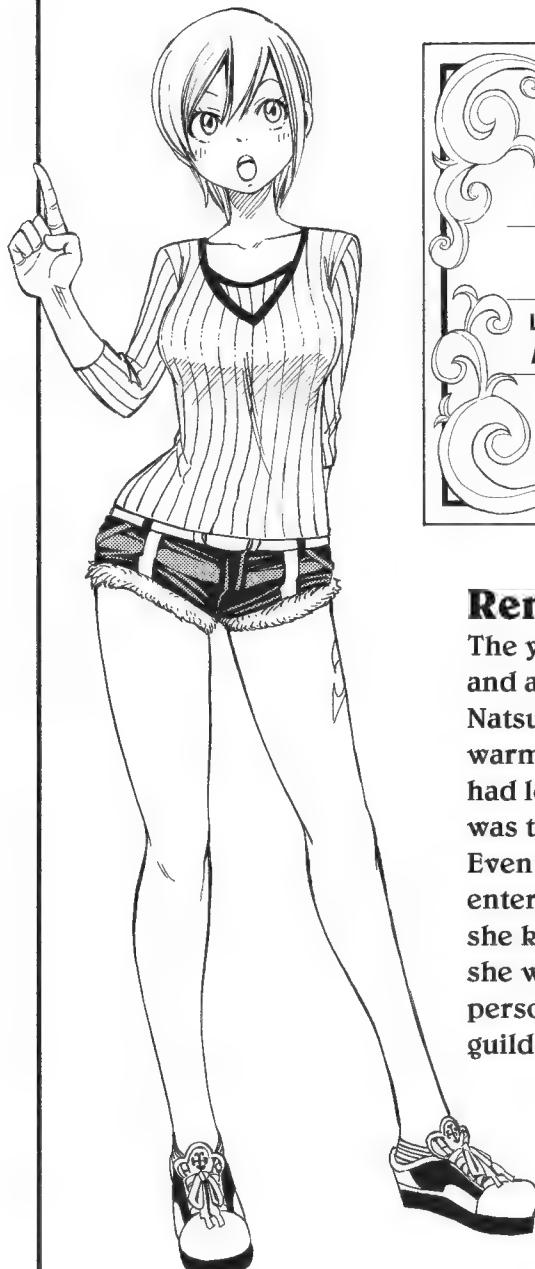


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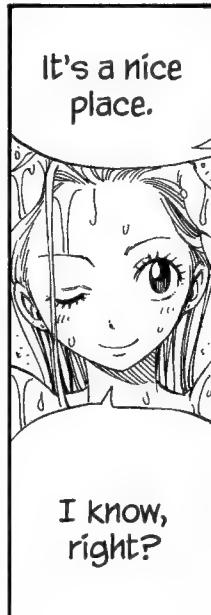
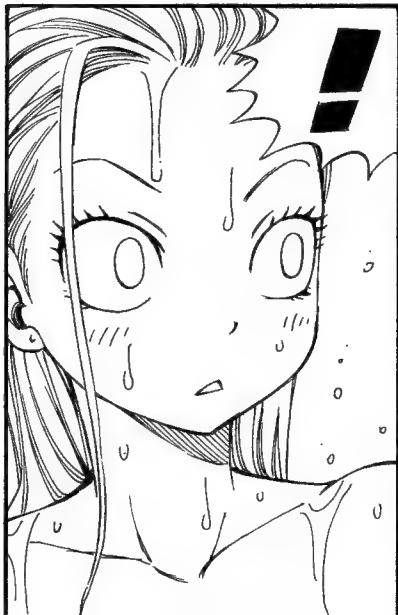
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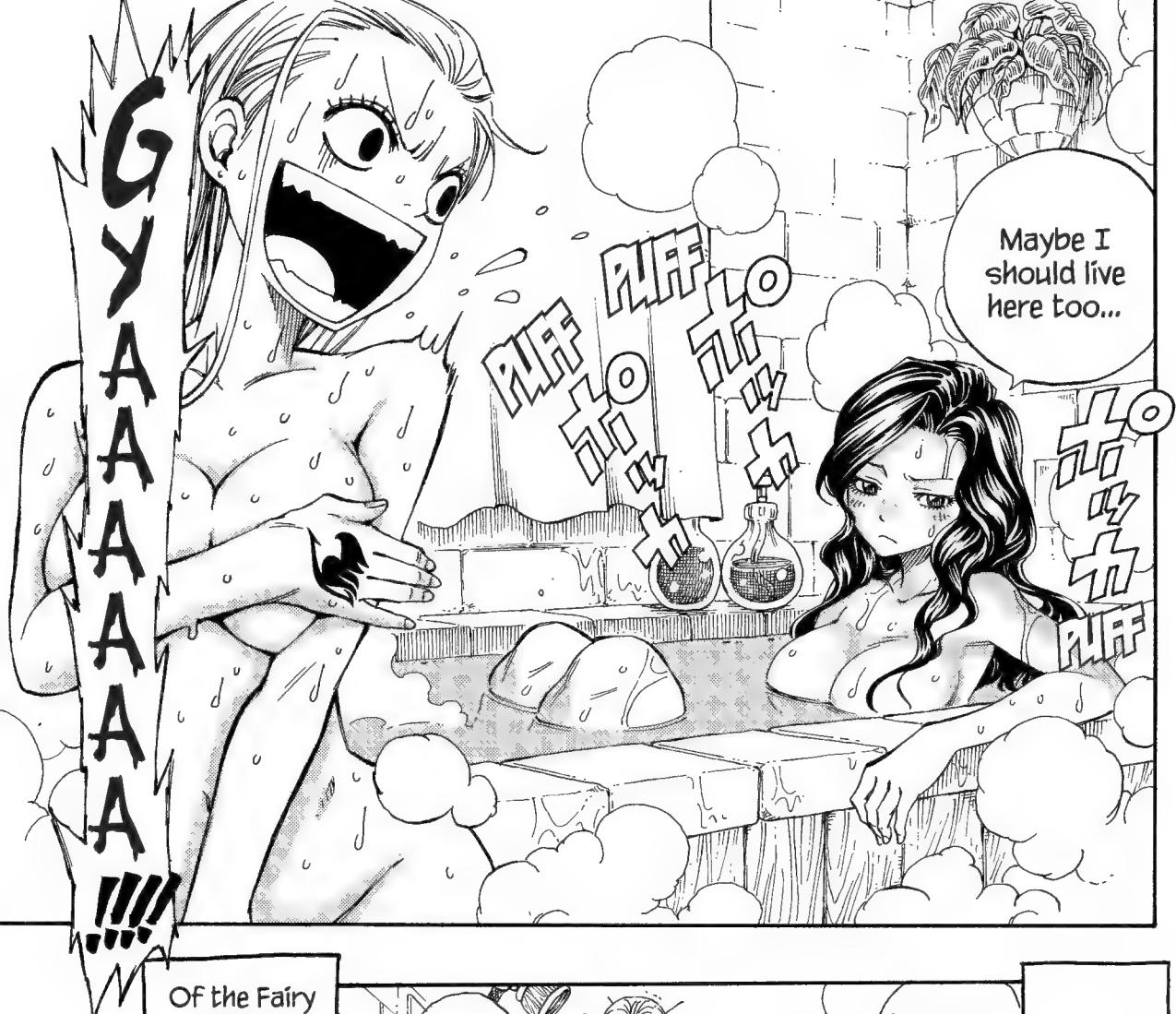
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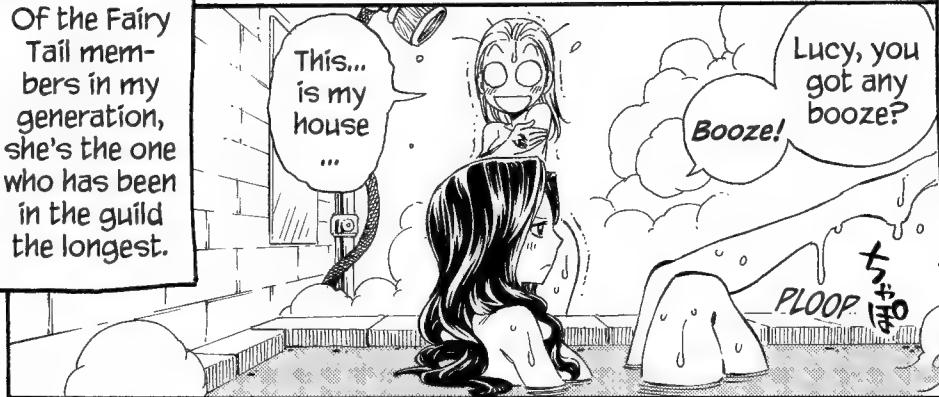
## Remarks

The younger sister of Mirajane and Elfman, and a childhood friend of Natsu's. She and Natsu together helped keep Happy's egg warm. Two years ago, everyone thought she had lost her life on a job, but actually she was transported and had to live in Edolas. Even though people like Lucy and Juvia entered the guild while Lisanna was gone, she knew versions of them in Edolas, so she was quick to adapt. Basically an upbeat person, she opened up to everyone in the guild soon after her return.

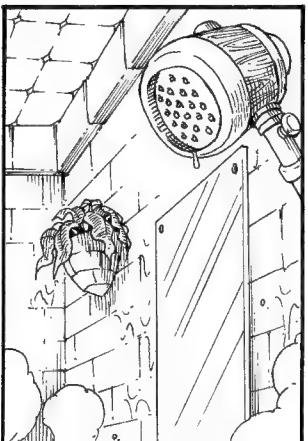


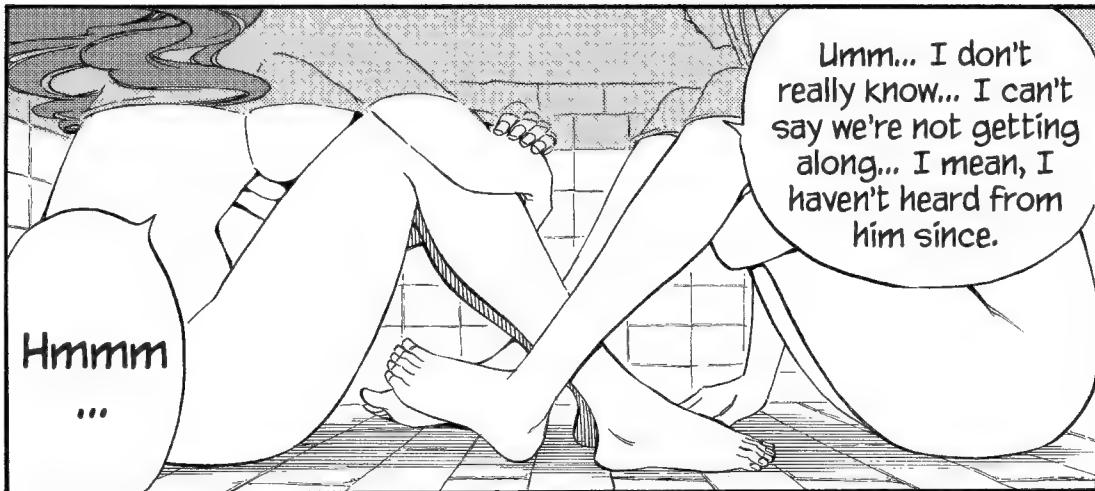
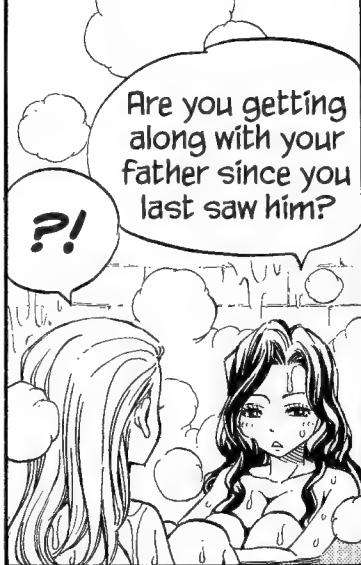


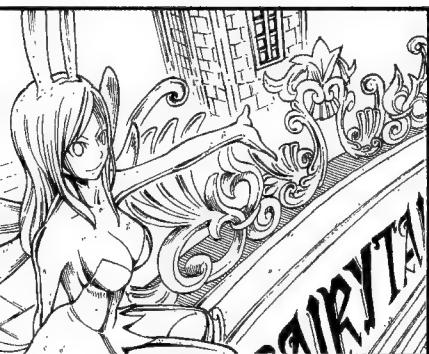
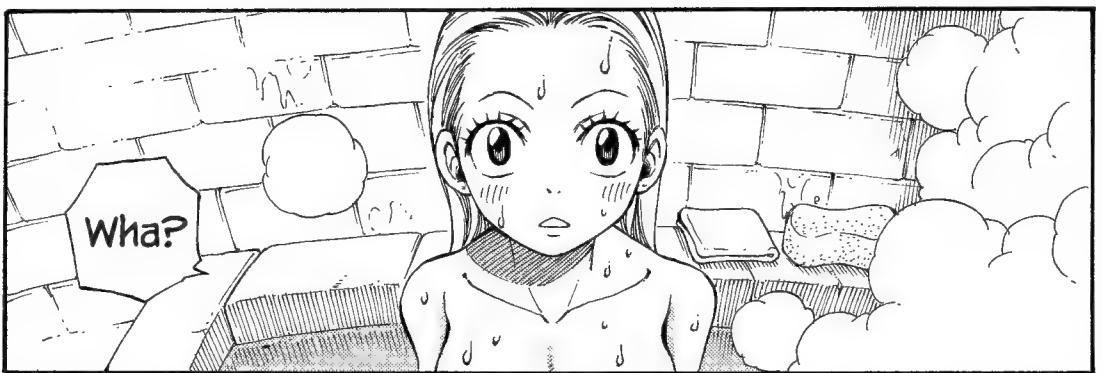
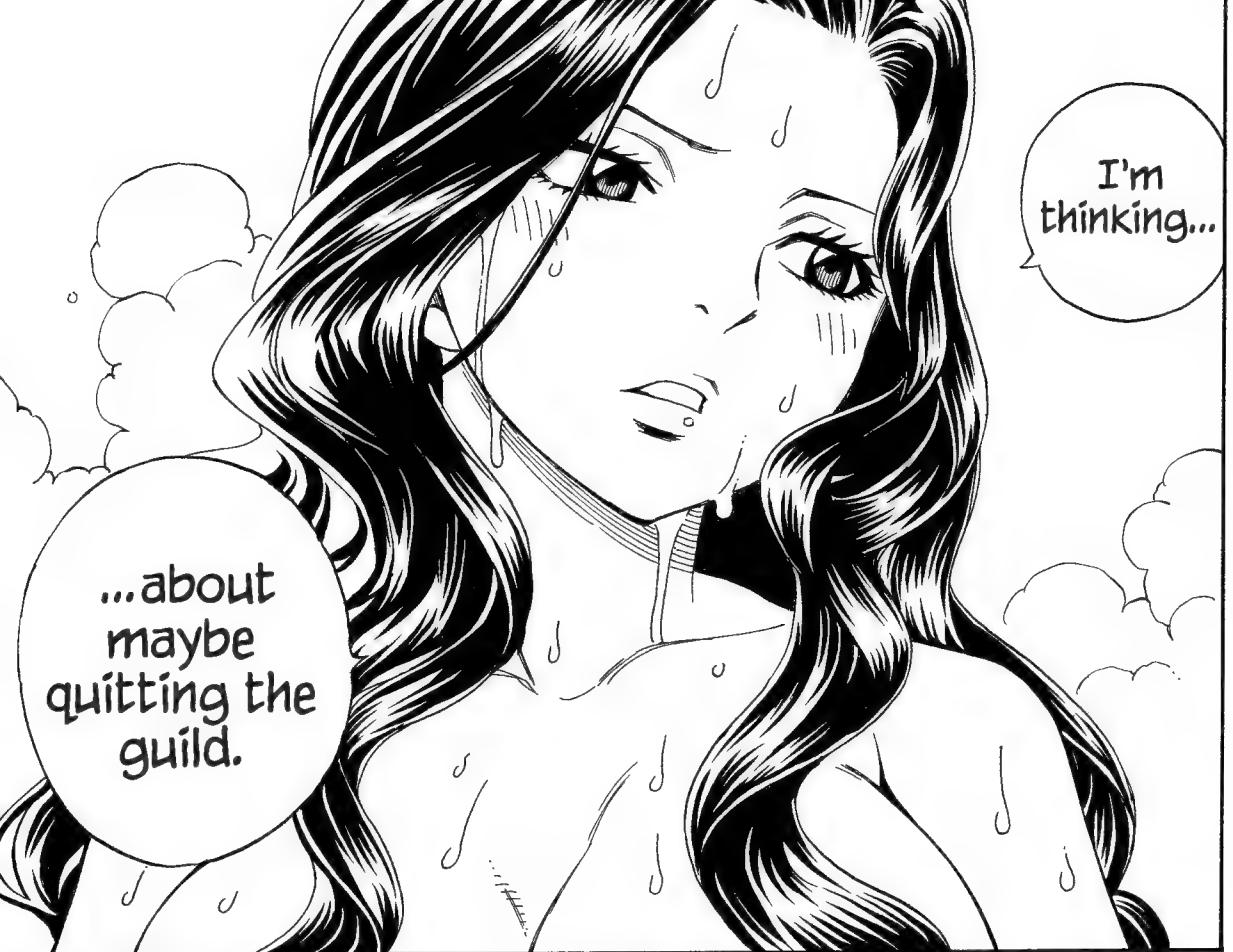
Of the Fairy Tail members in my generation, she's the one who has been in the guild the longest.

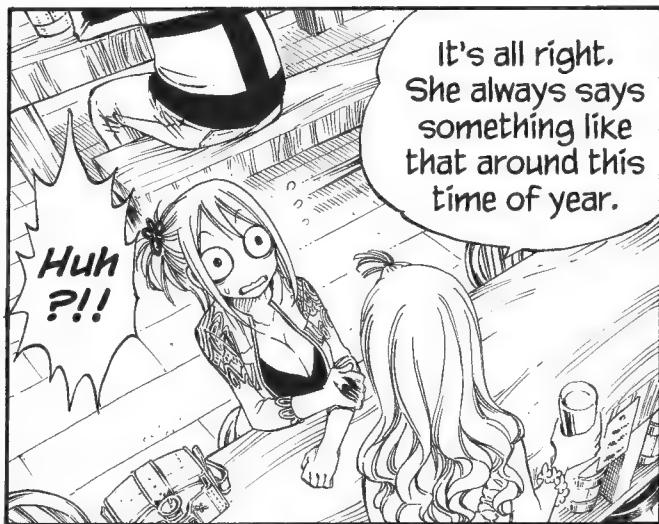
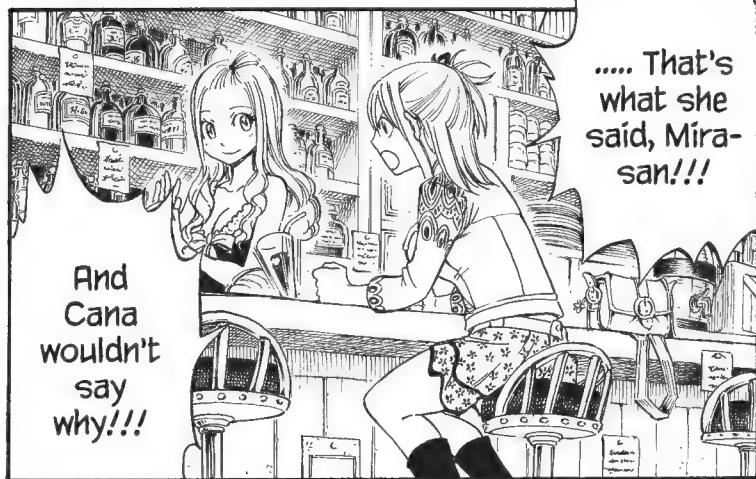
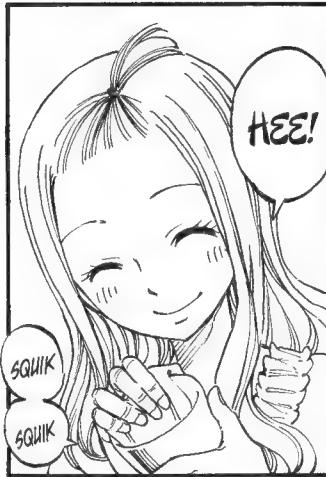


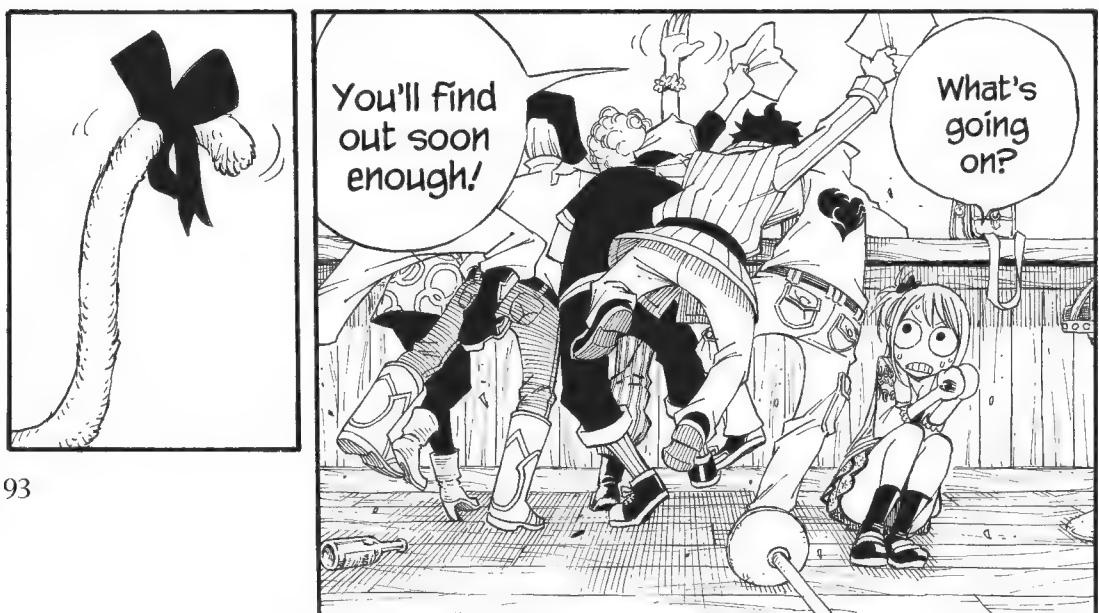
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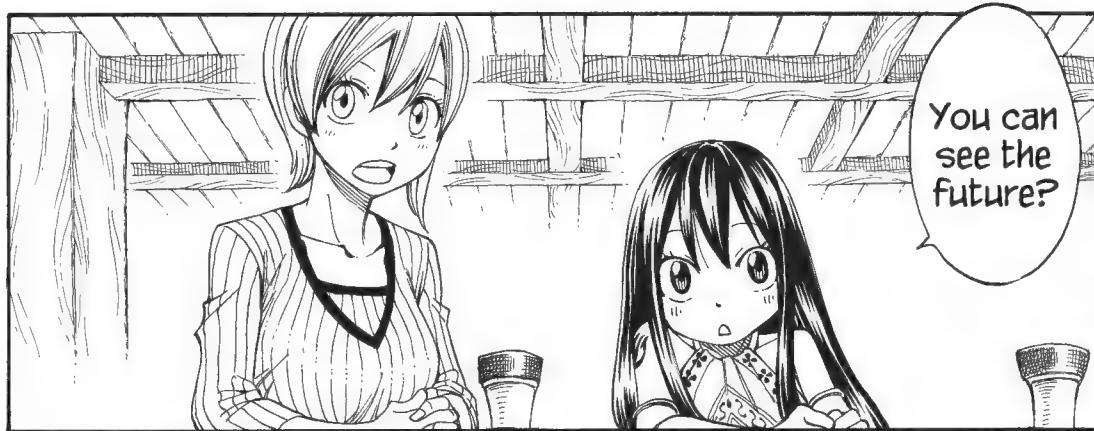


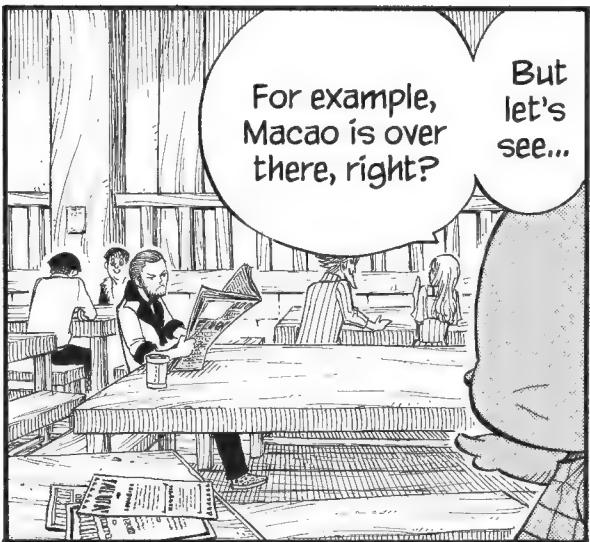


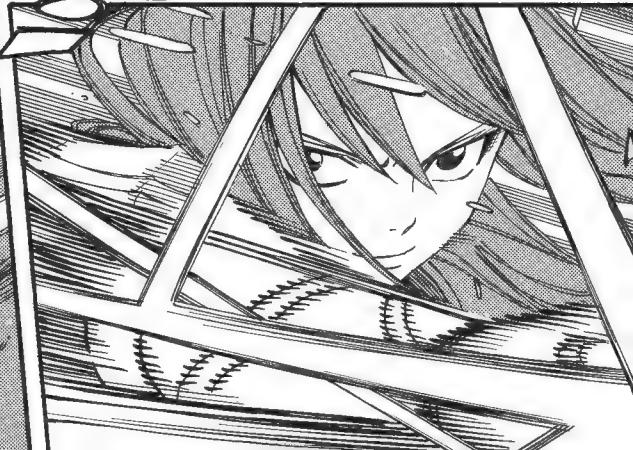
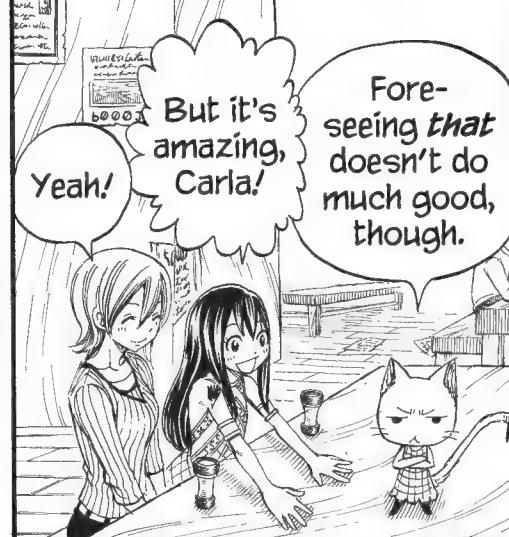


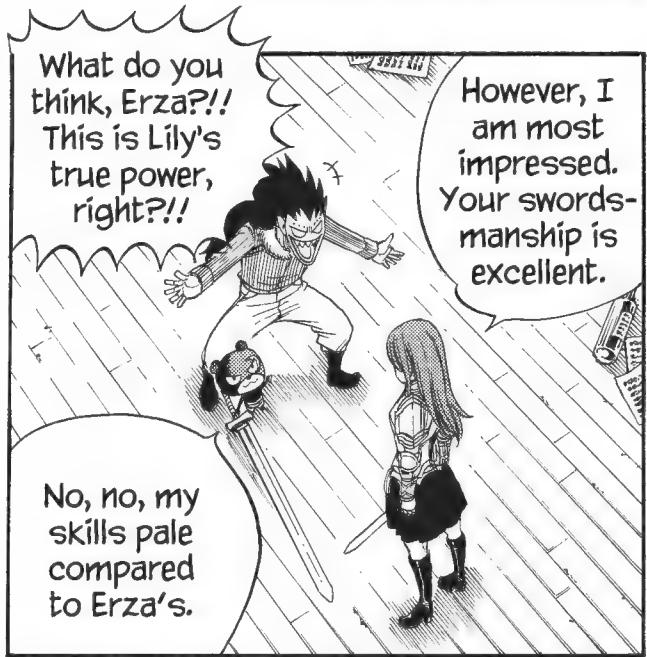


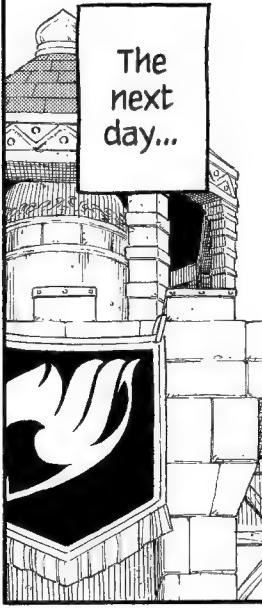












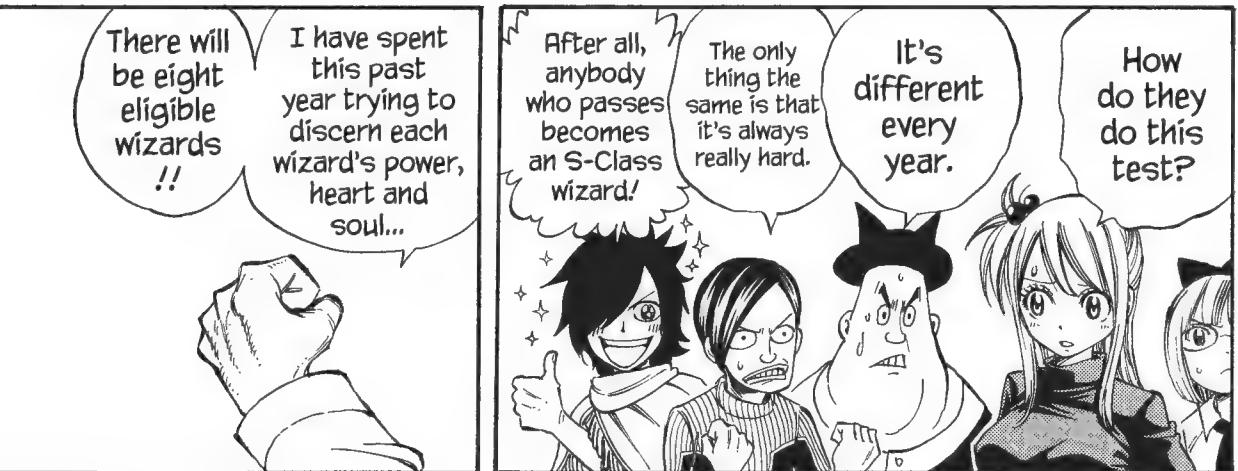
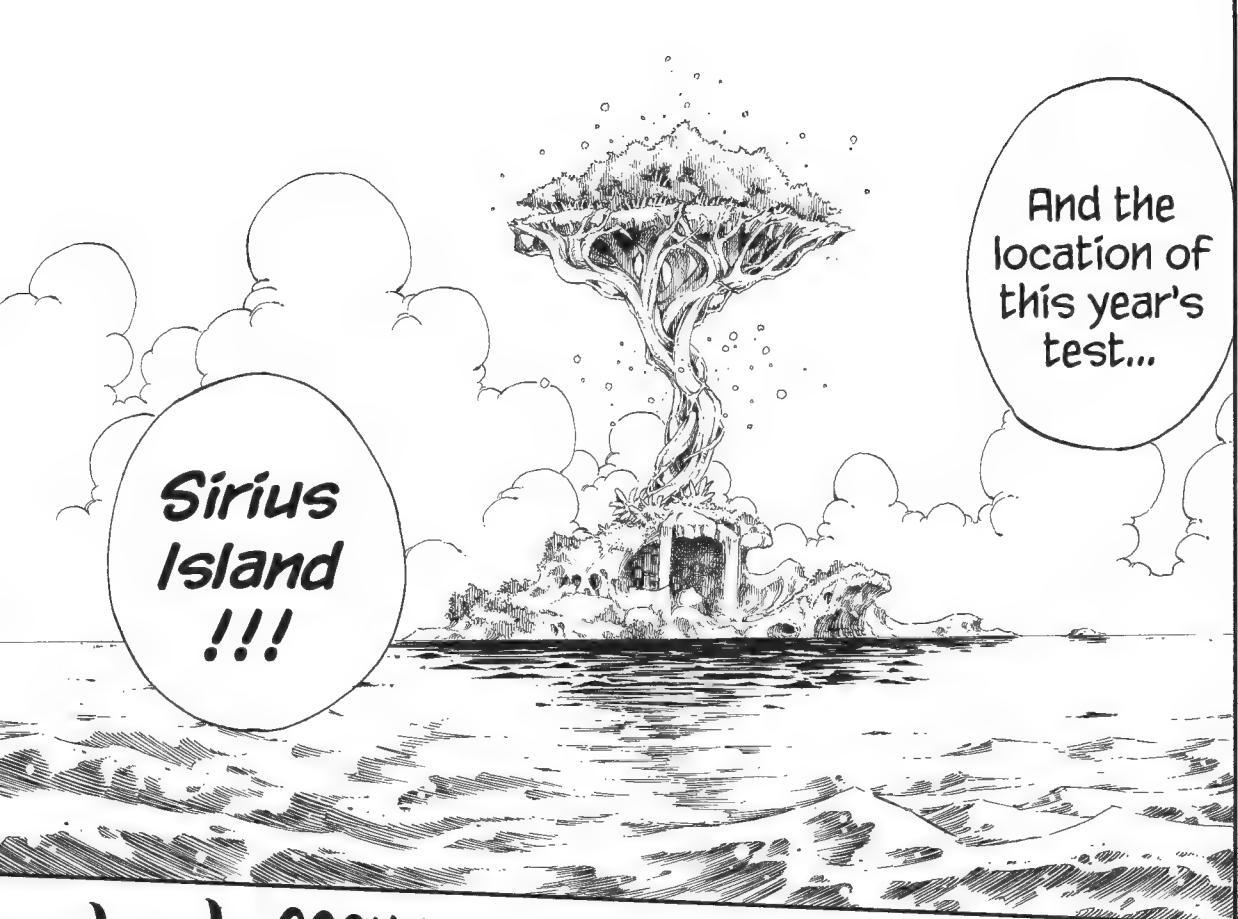


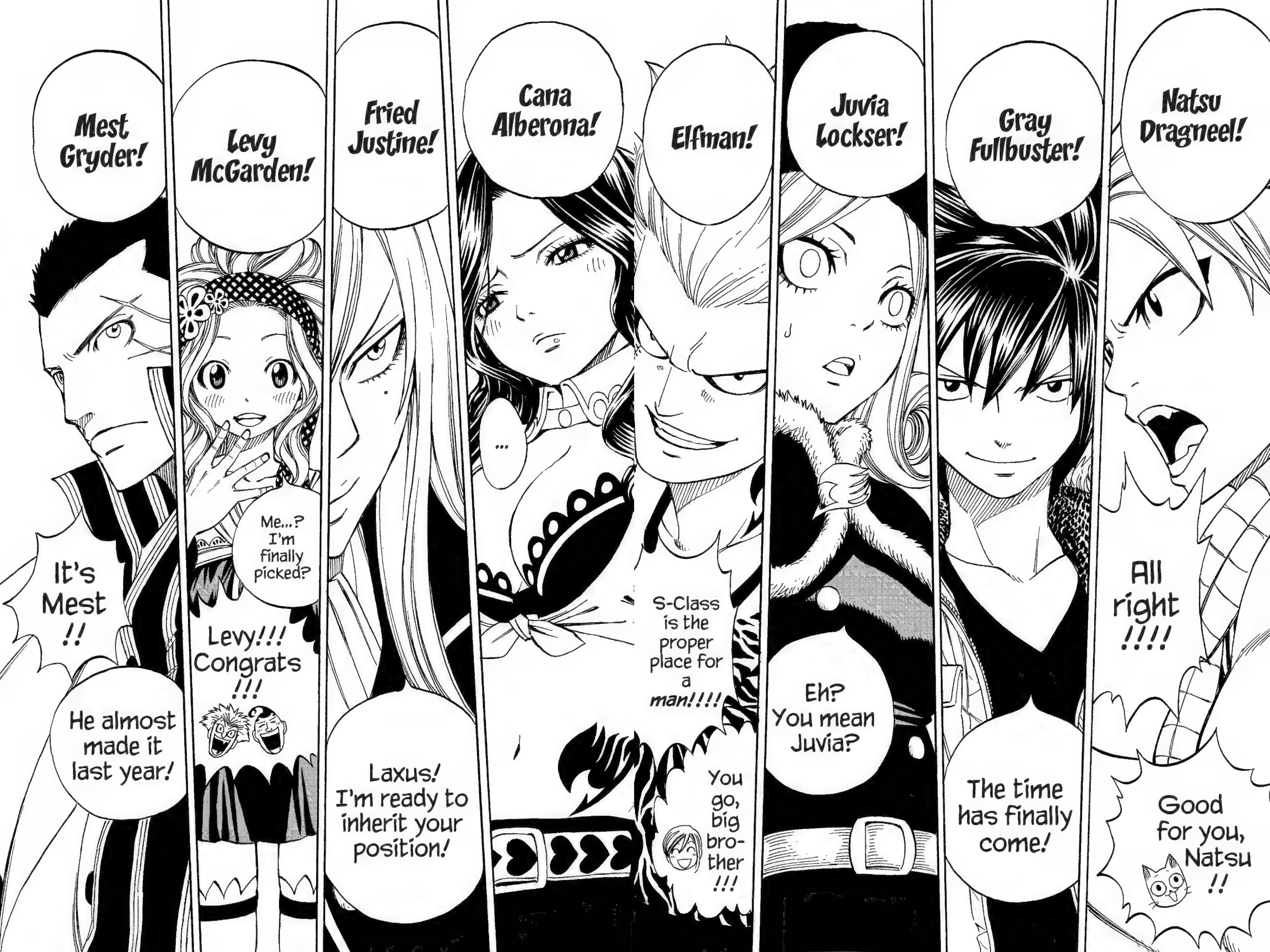
The list of  
wizards eligible  
to take the  
S-Class Wizard  
Qualification  
Test!!!

Fairy Tail

I'm  
all  
fired  
up  
!!!!

S-Class  
Wizard  
Qualifi-  
cation  
Test  
???





Huh?  
?

Wow!!  
Everybody,  
go get  
'em!  
♥

I get it. Everybody  
wanted to make the  
eligibility cut, and  
that's why they were  
doing their best to  
stand out.

Yahooo!

Levy  
was  
chosen!

Aww... I  
missed it  
again this  
year!

Natsu's  
name was  
finally  
called.  
So was  
Gray's.

This was  
the reason  
Cana  
wanted to  
quit the  
guild?

Come  
to think  
of it...

The test will  
take place in  
one week! Go  
make sure  
you are in top  
shape!

This time,  
only one will  
be allowed  
to pass the  
qualification  
test.

I've been  
hearing about  
how the guild  
sees you.

It's  
probably  
because  
not many  
people  
trust you,  
right?

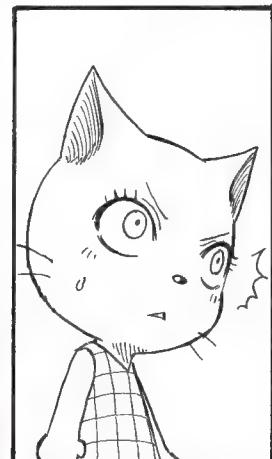
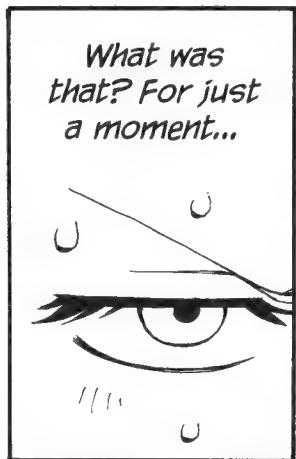
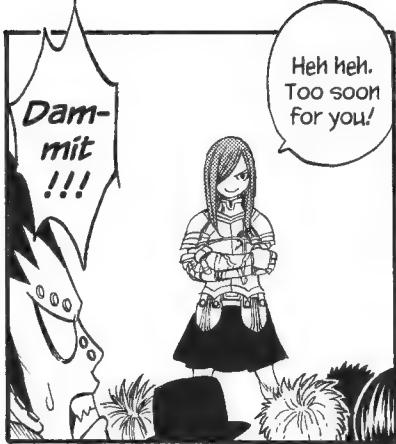
Wh-Why  
wasn't my  
name in  
there...?

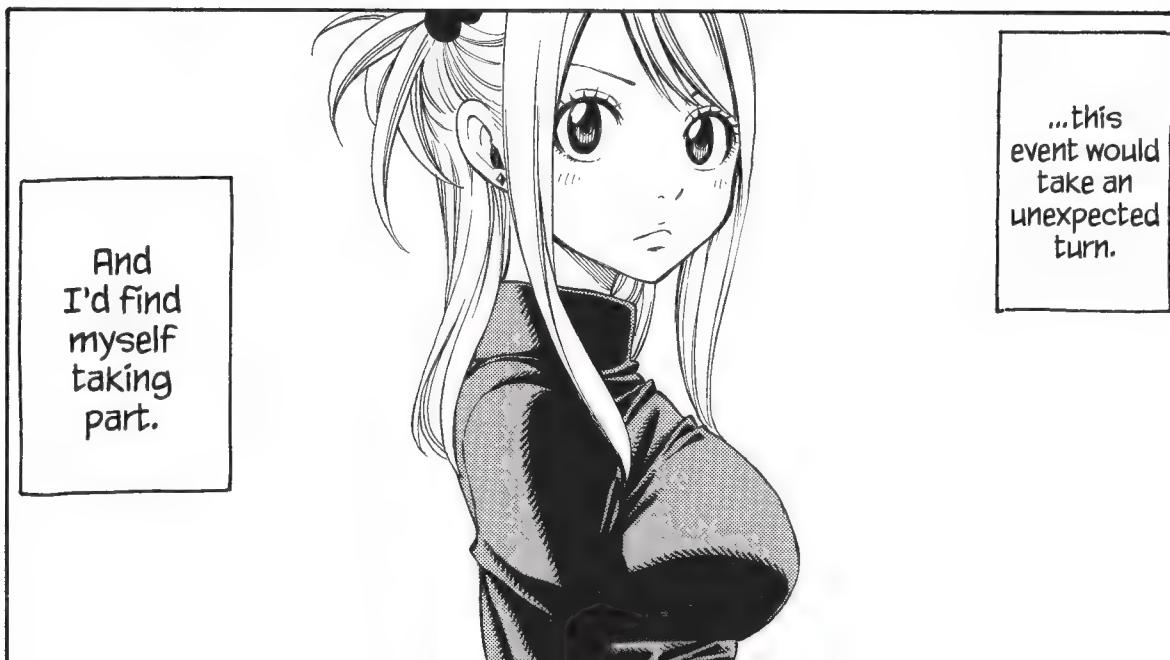
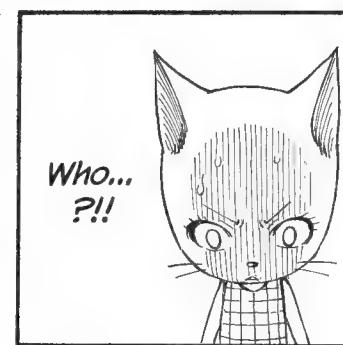
Even  
though  
Juvia is...

No,  
Mest,  
right?

Fried  
is the  
favorite,  
right?

Just  
one?!!





# Fairy Tail

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## Remarks

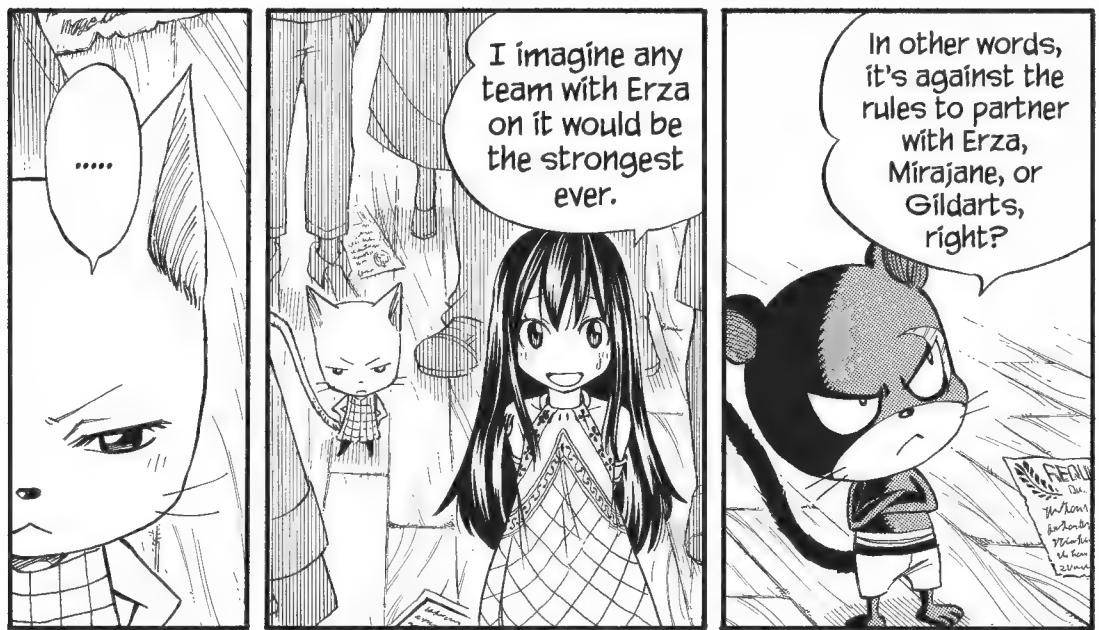
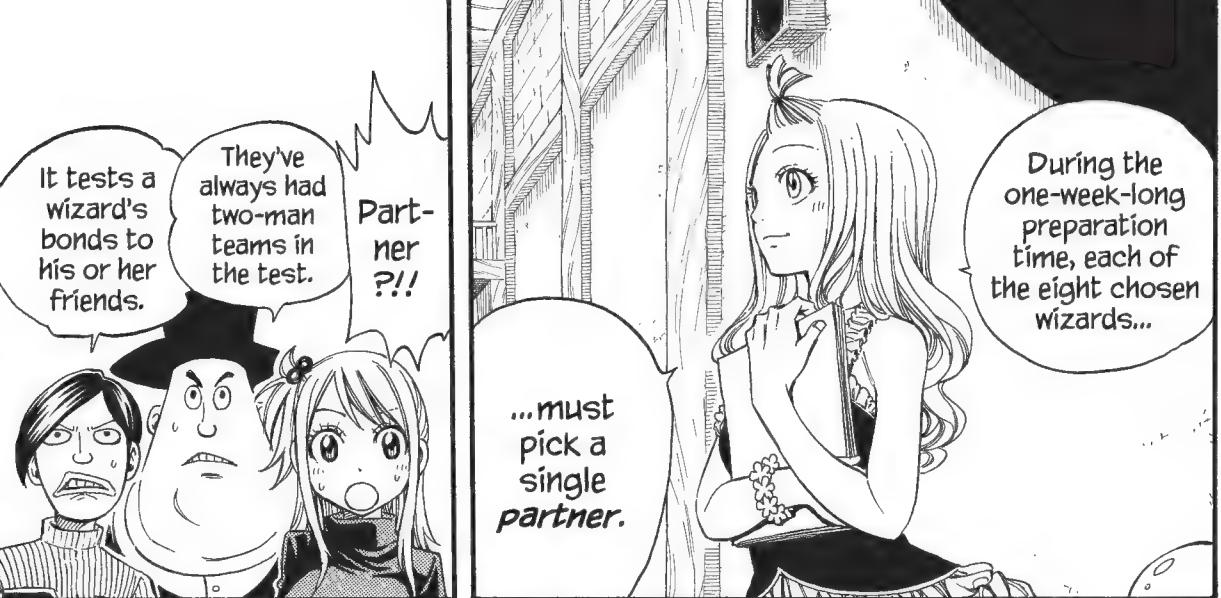
Born in Extalia on the other world, Edolas, he belongs to the same race as Happy, the Exceed. He was born larger than most Exceed, and it could be that difference that made him more interested in the humans than any of his fellow Exceed. One day, he found and saved the life of a human child (Mystogan), but when he brought him home to Extalia, that act got Panther Lily banished from his home country. From then on, he lived in the human world raising Mystogan, and with his military skills, he became a division commander in the Royal Forces.

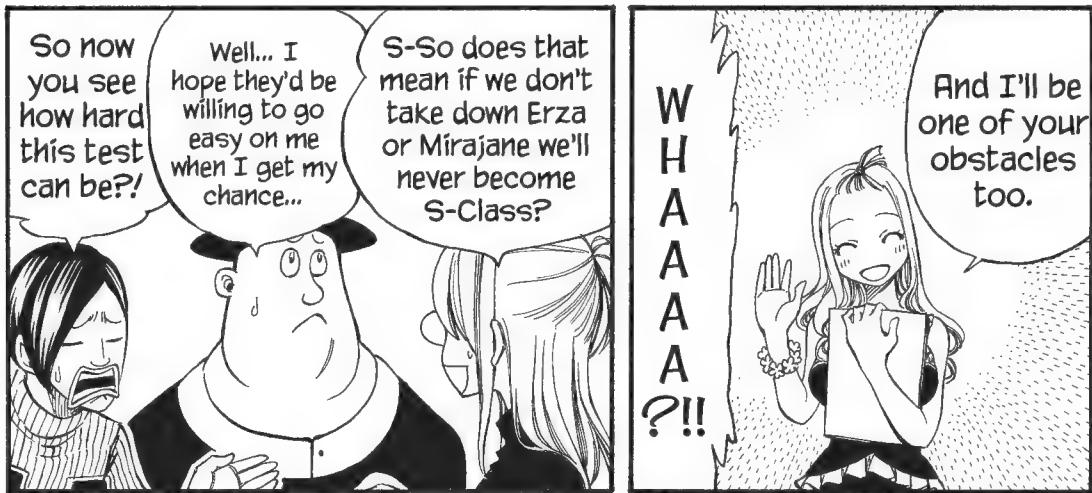
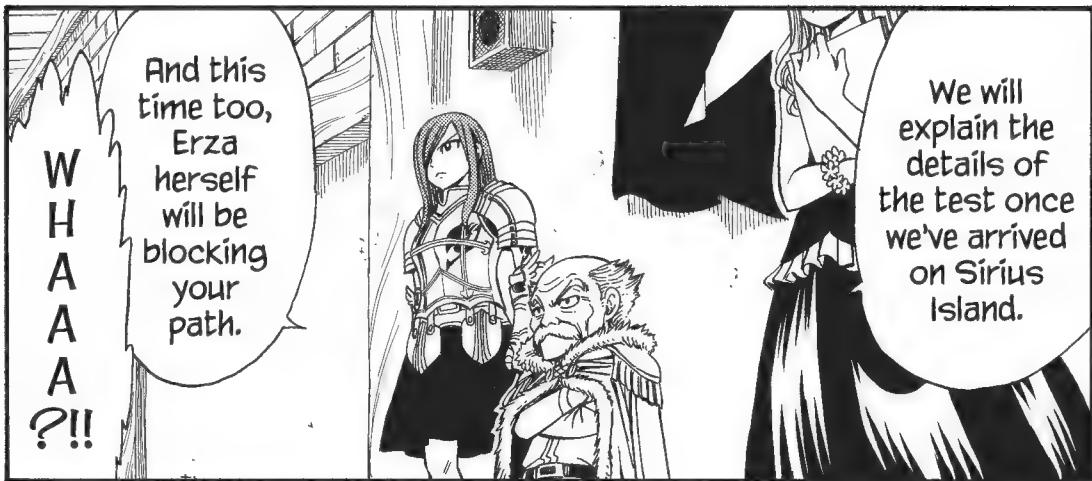
Now in the world of Earth-land, his body has become very small. He can revert to his original body for very short periods of time, but he also seems quite fond of his new body.

Eight wizards  
are eligible to  
take the S-Class  
Wizard test!

Now, since  
we have  
first-timers  
here...

...we'll go  
over the  
rules.





**That is all!!!!**

I want each of the chosen wizards and their partners...

...all gathered together in Hargeon Port in one week!



Ngaah!  
The road to S-Class will be  
long and hard  
for a man!

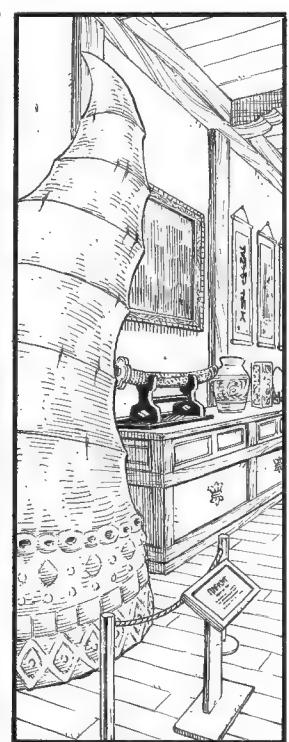
It seems very hard.

The hurdles this year are especially high!

I didn't expect that! So this is the first test for everybody at this table?

I'm fired up!!! I am gonna make S-Class this year for sure!!!!

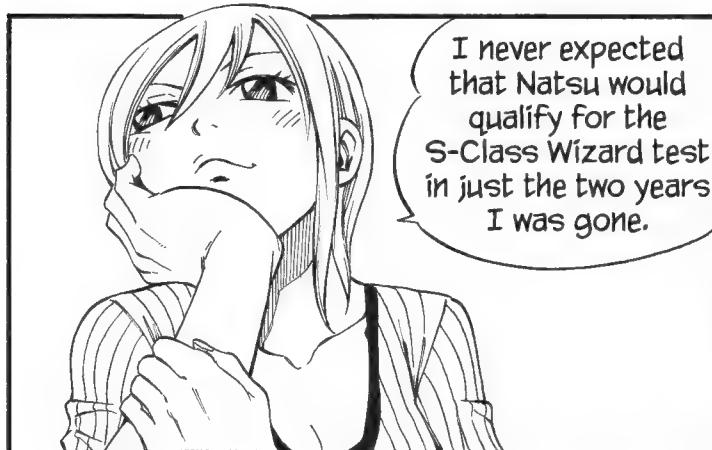
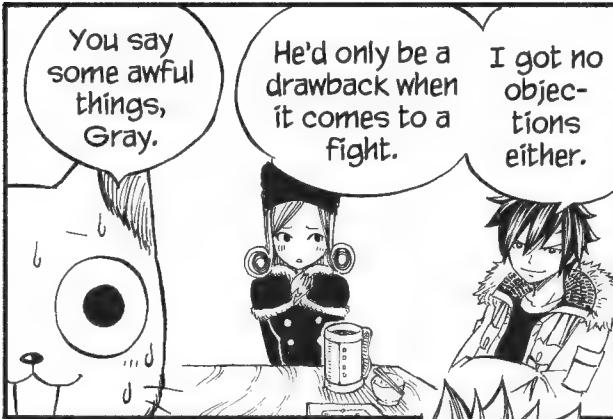
I'm rooting for you all!

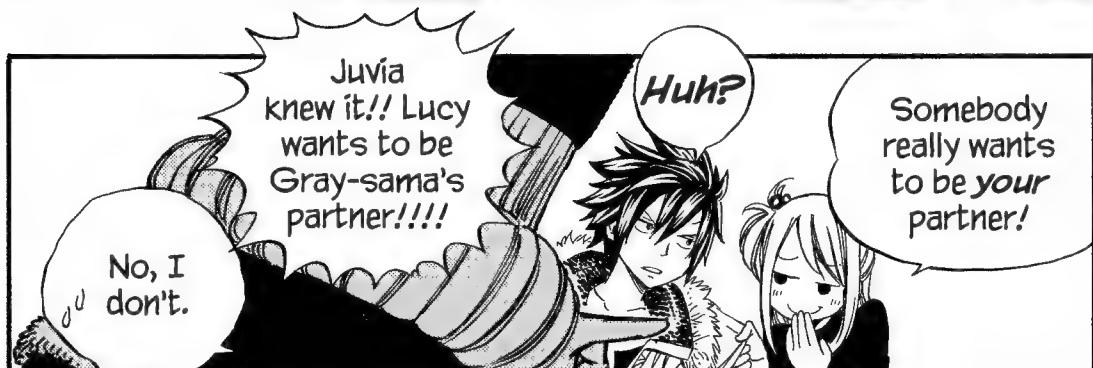
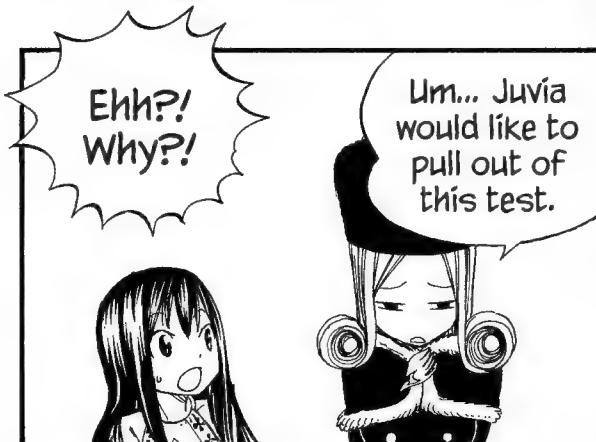


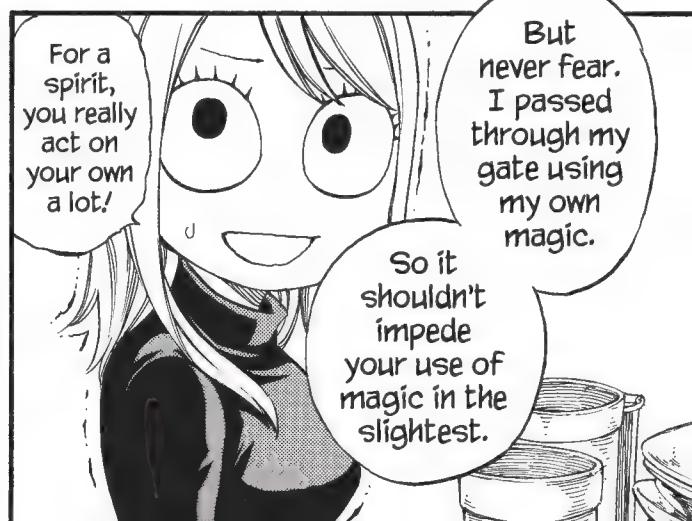
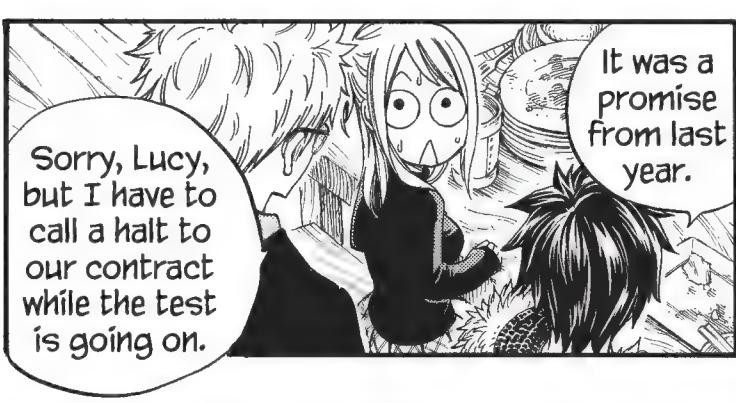
Aye!

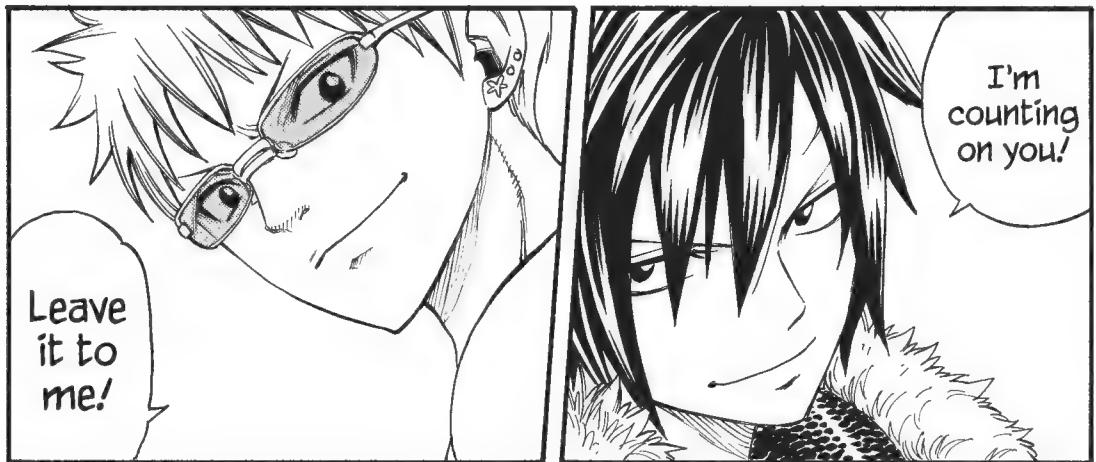
Well my partner is Happy, of course.

Come to think of it, has everybody decided on partners?









Maybe  
I'll team  
up with  
Juvia!!

A hot  
one-on-  
one?!!!

Earth-  
land to  
Juvia...  
U

I... got  
along really  
well with the  
Juvia on  
Edolas.

Are you  
serious,  
Lisanna?!

Lisanna-  
san...

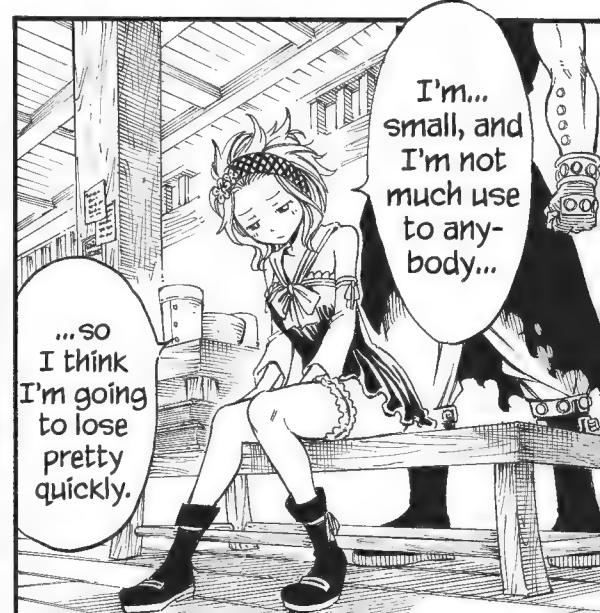
Wait a minute,  
Lisanna!! If  
you do that,  
I won't have a  
partner!!!

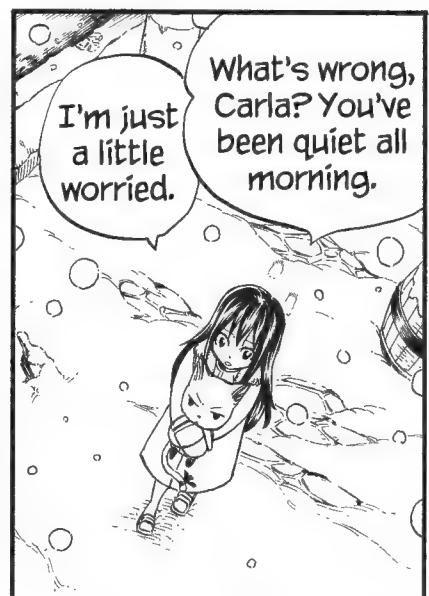
But maybe  
this girl is  
after Gray-  
sama too,  
and...

MUMBLE  
MUMBLE  
Just how  
warped  
can you  
get?!

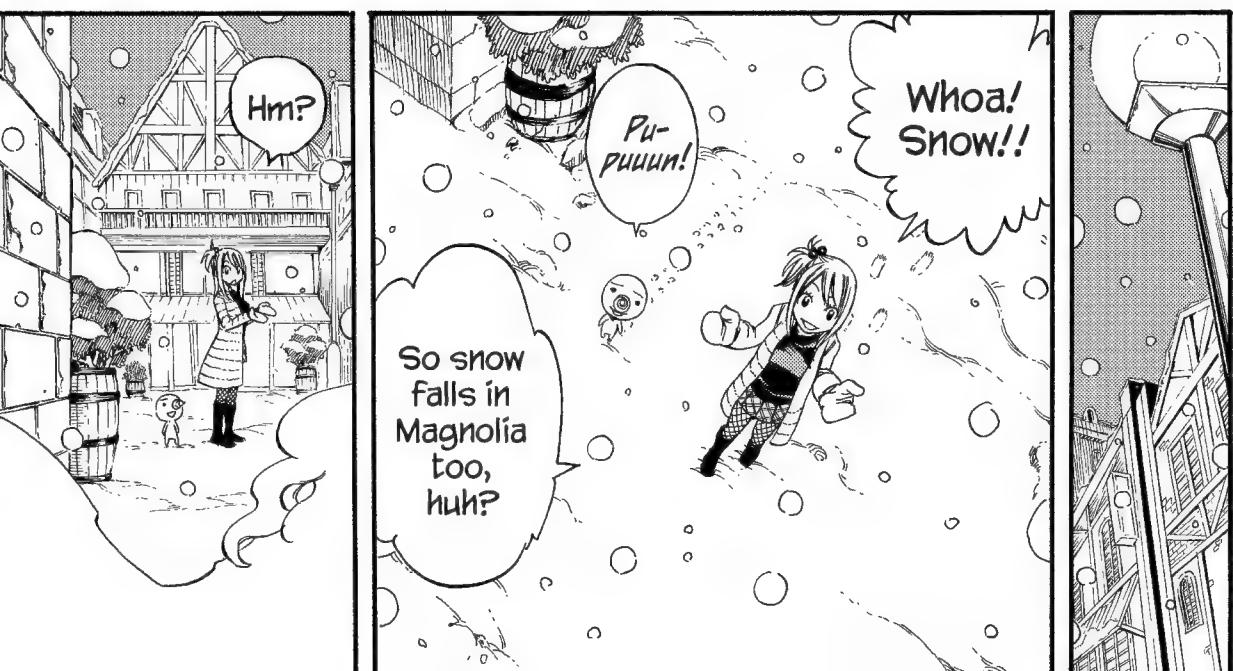
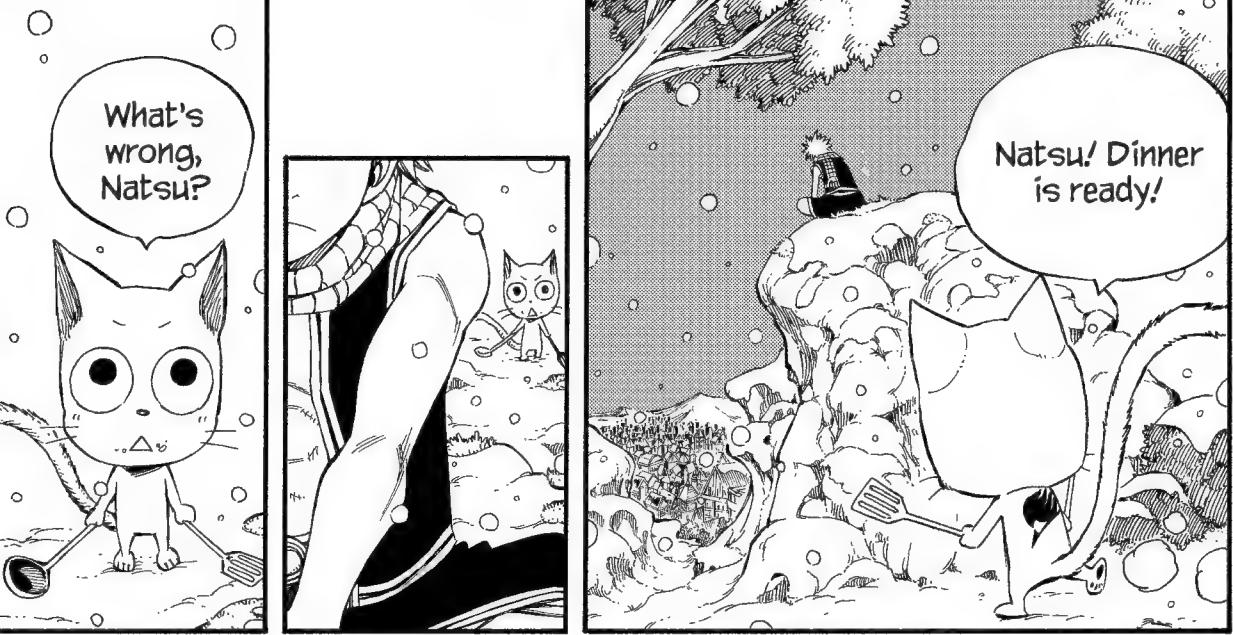
So it's  
decided,  
right?!

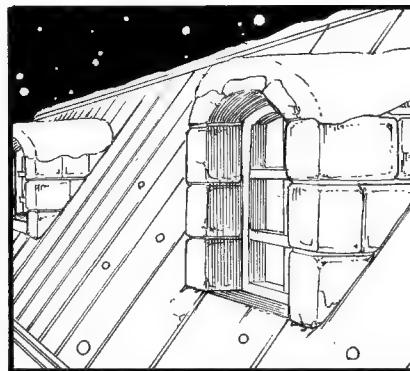


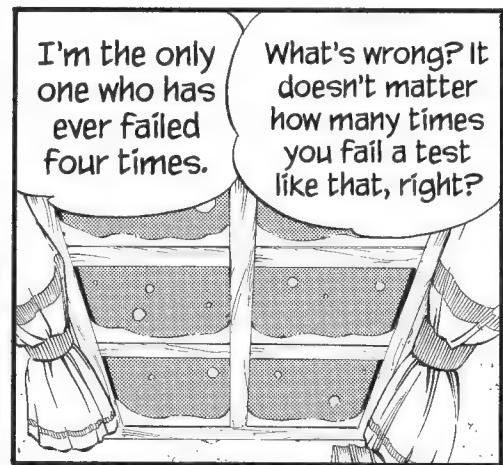


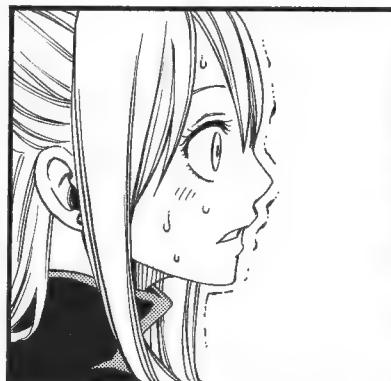
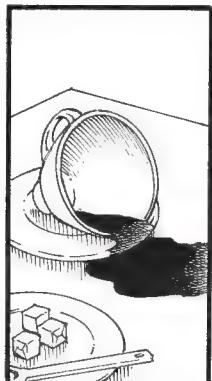
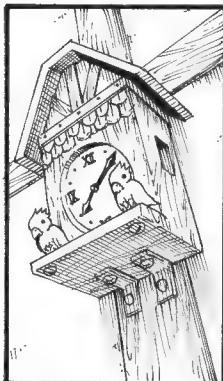
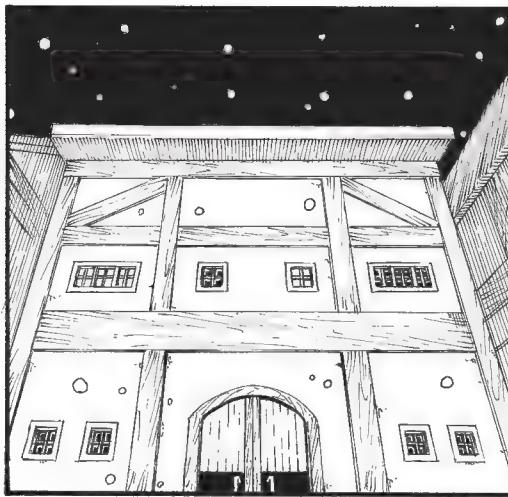
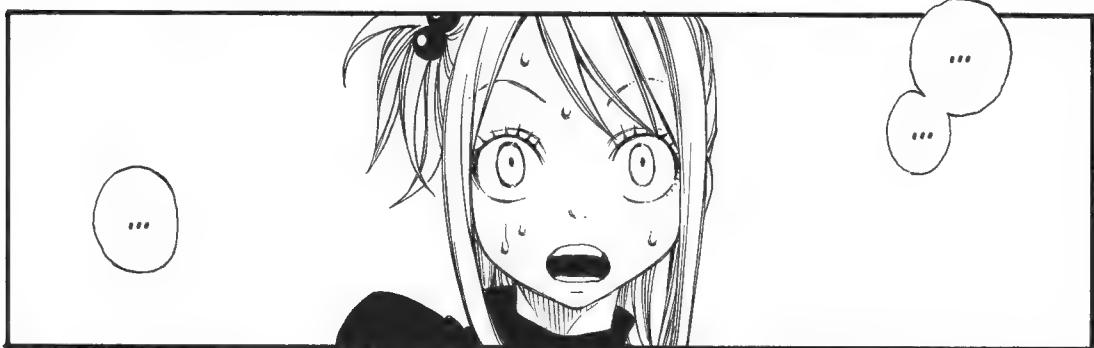
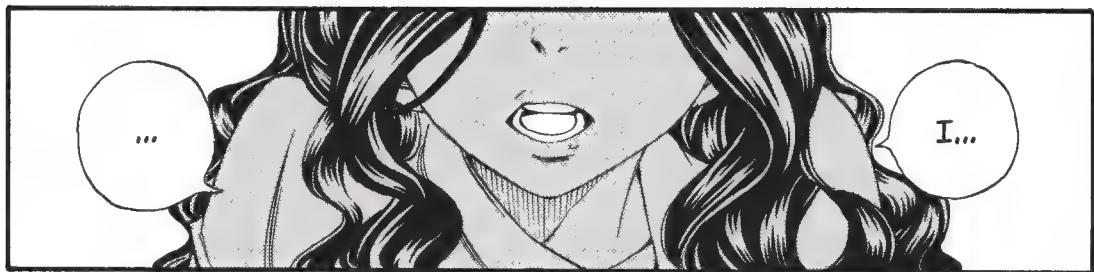






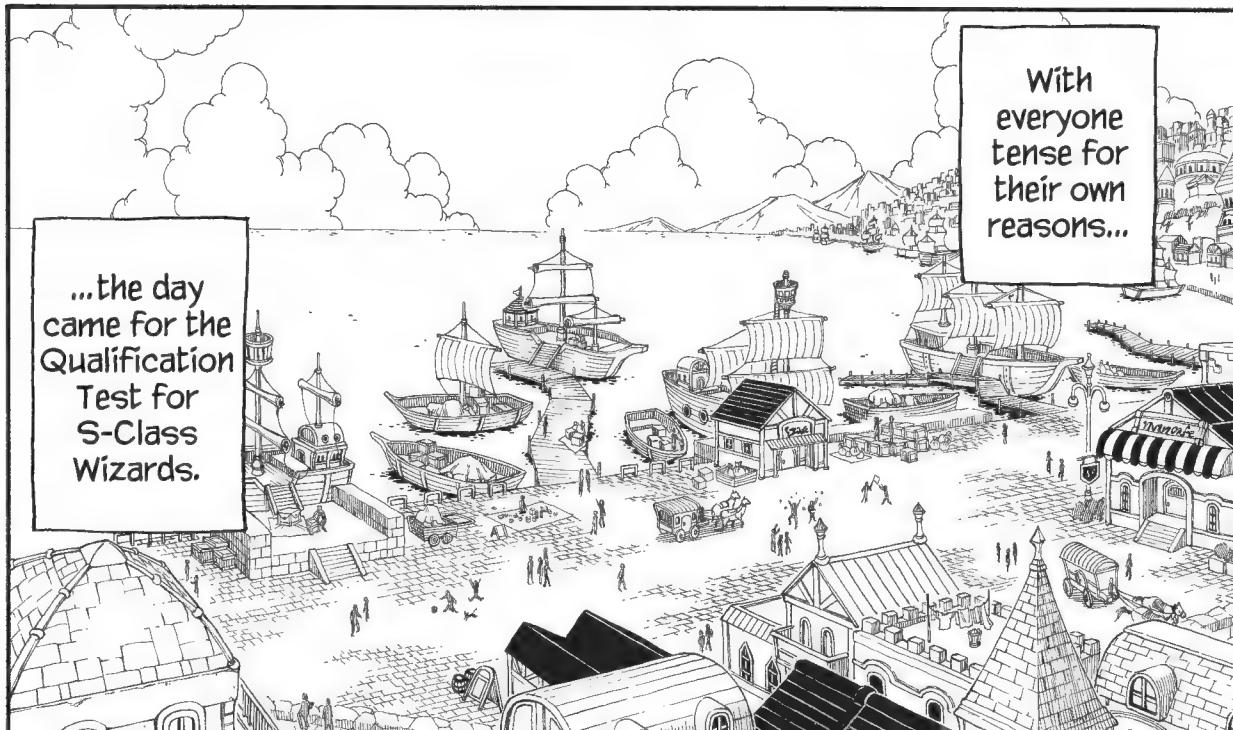
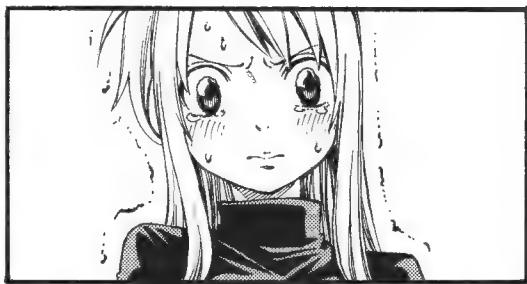








I'll see  
that you  
become  
an S-Class  
Wizard,  
Cana!!!!

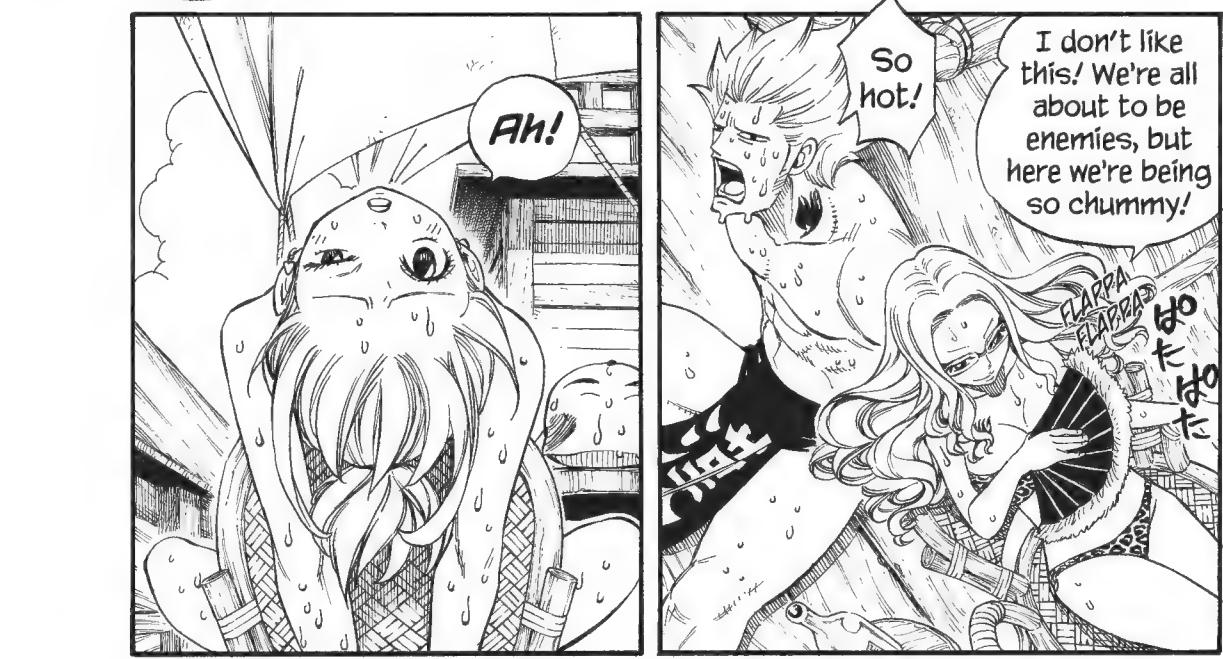
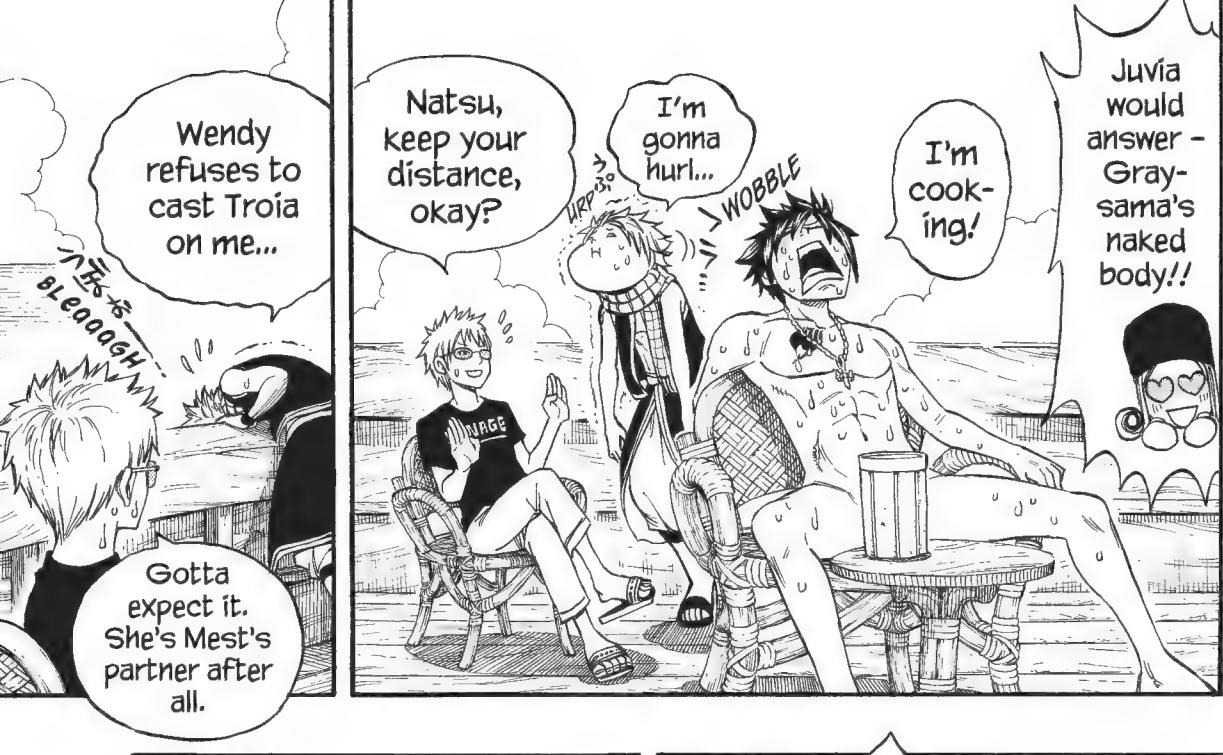


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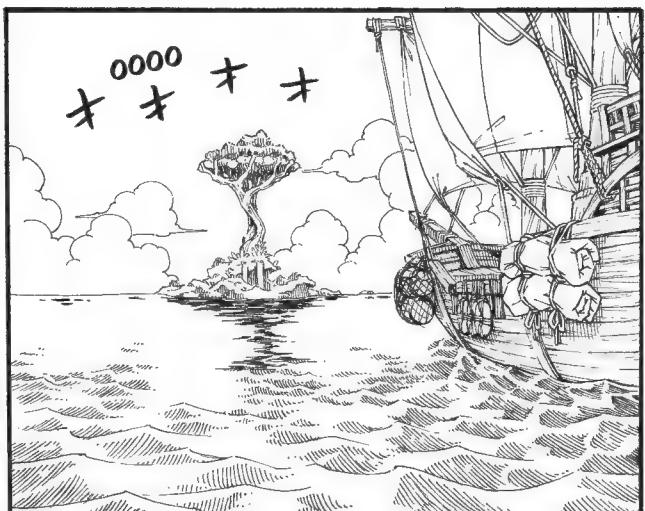
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\*Loincloth: "Man"



There's  
an island  
above the  
island?!!

URP!

Natsu!!  
We're almost  
there!

So  
we've  
arrived  
!!!

That's  
Sirius  
Island?!!

That's  
one weird-  
looking  
island!



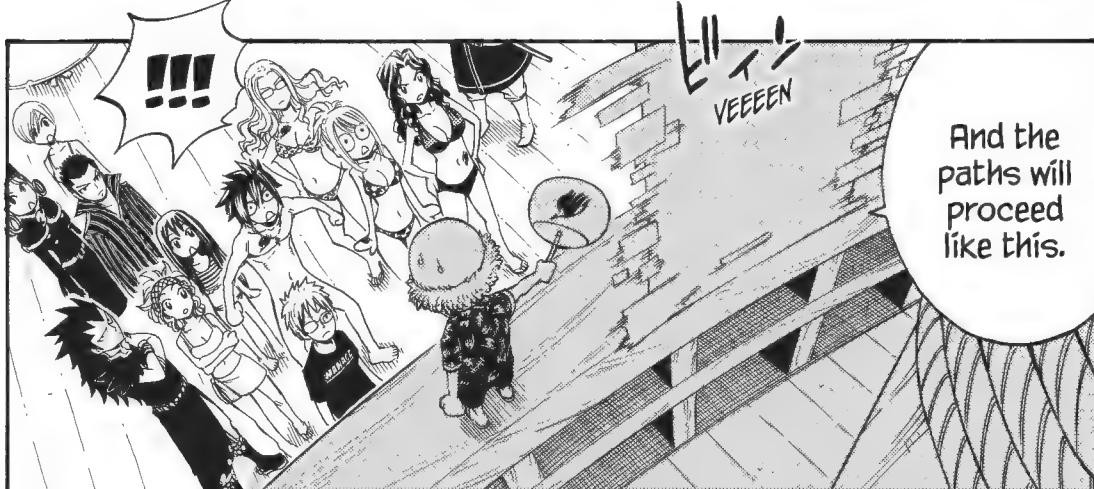
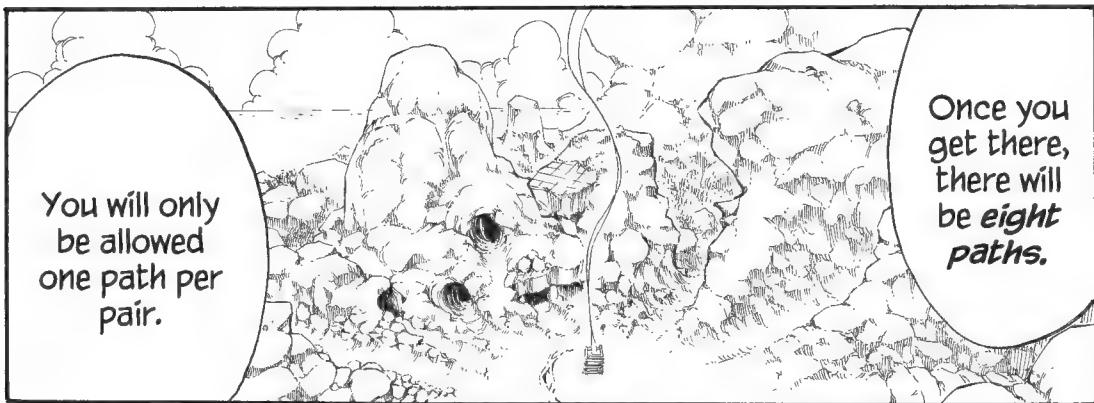
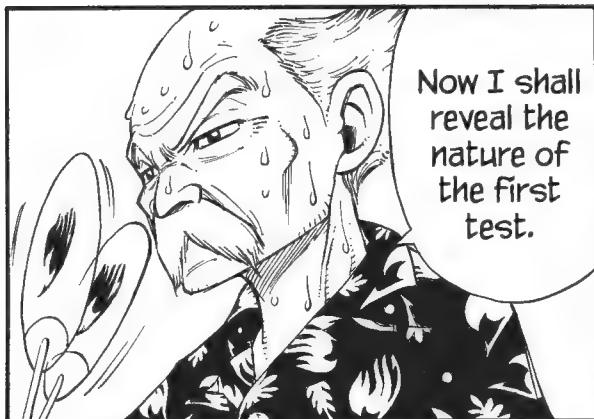
where Fairy  
Tail's first  
master, Mavis  
Vermillion,  
now rests!

And this  
is also the  
place...

Master!

...fairies  
once lived  
on this  
island.

They say  
that...



NEXT

FIRST TEST PASSED!!

Only  
the teams  
who have  
successfully  
completed  
their paths  
...

FIERCE BATTLE



BATTLE

FIERCE BATTLE



PEACE  
AND  
QUIET

BATTLE

FIERCE BATTLE?



1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8

...will  
pass  
the first  
test!

START

There's  
also a  
"peaceful"  
path!

Does  
that  
mean...

You've got  
"Fierce Battle"  
above the  
faces of people  
like Erza and  
Gildarts.

"Battle  
?"

Gray and  
Loke Team



Natsu and  
Happy Team



Of the eight paths, the "Battle" routes are where two teams will bump into each other. Only one team can pass through to the end.

Elfman and  
Evergreen Team



Juvia and  
Lisanna Team

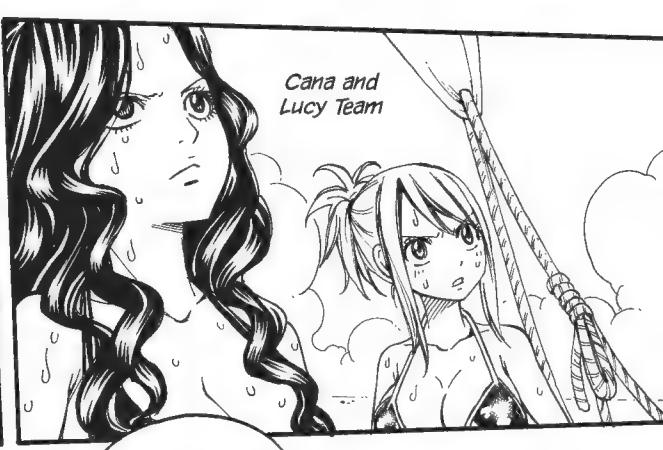


Where it says "Fierce Battle," you won't be able to advance unless you defeat an S-Class wizard. Those are the toughest routes.

Fried and  
Bickslow Team



Cana and  
Lucy Team



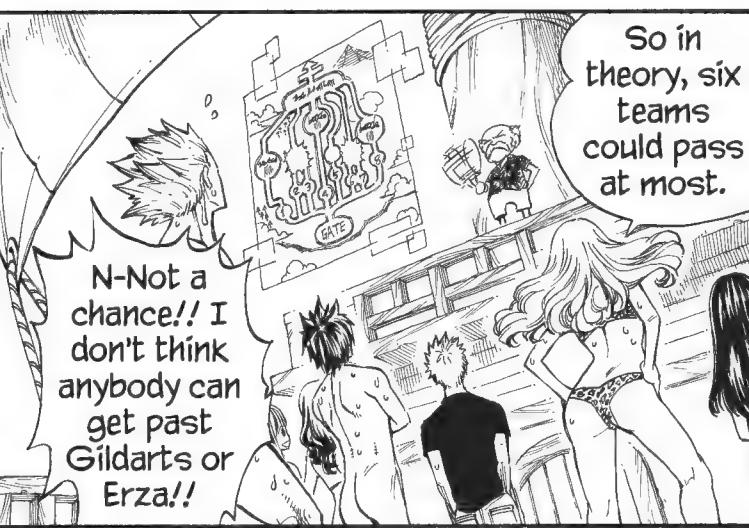
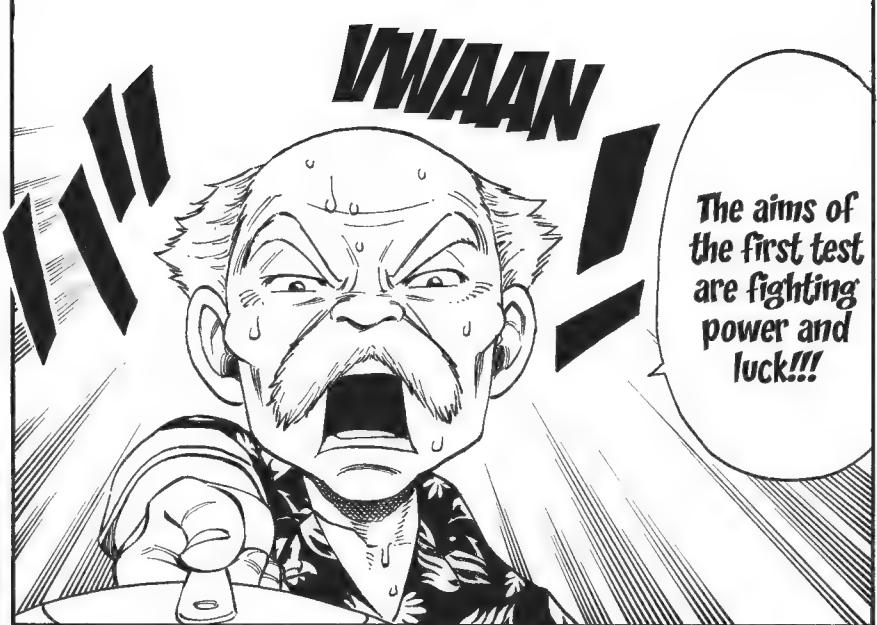
Mest and  
Wendy Team



The "peace and quiet" path is one where there will be no battles. It's an automatic pass to the second test.

Levy and  
Gajeel Team

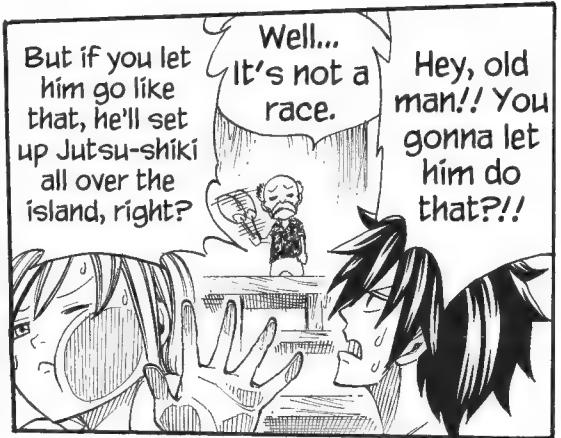
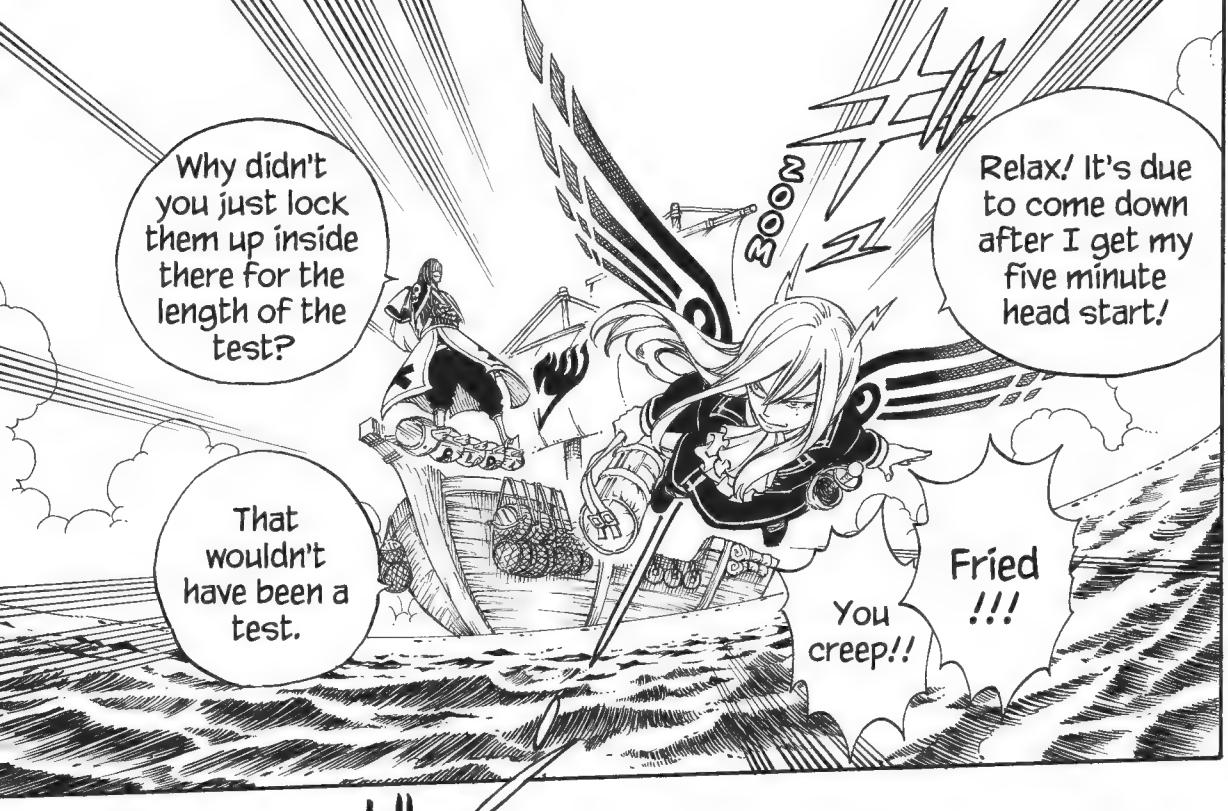




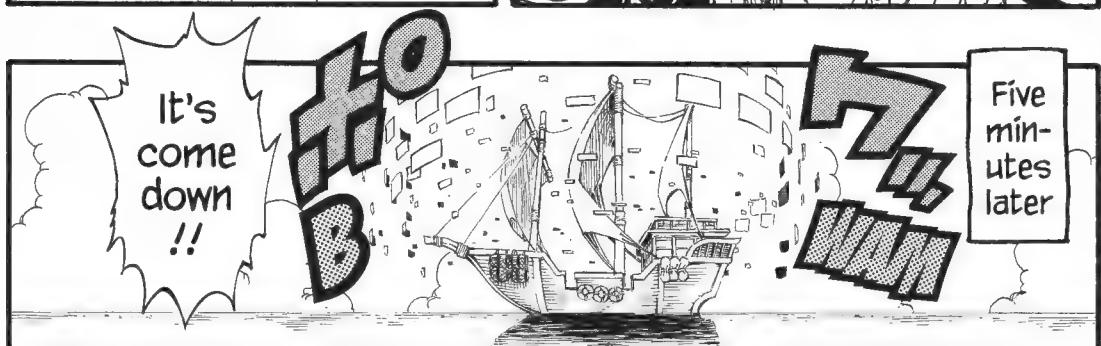


We're gonna be the first to choose a path!!!!











Whoa!! The ocean turned to ice...

...Floor!!!!

S  
H  
W  
A  
A

X  
FSHA

Wait, Cana!!  
We're the farthest behind!

Sea water and a fish??!!

OF course !!

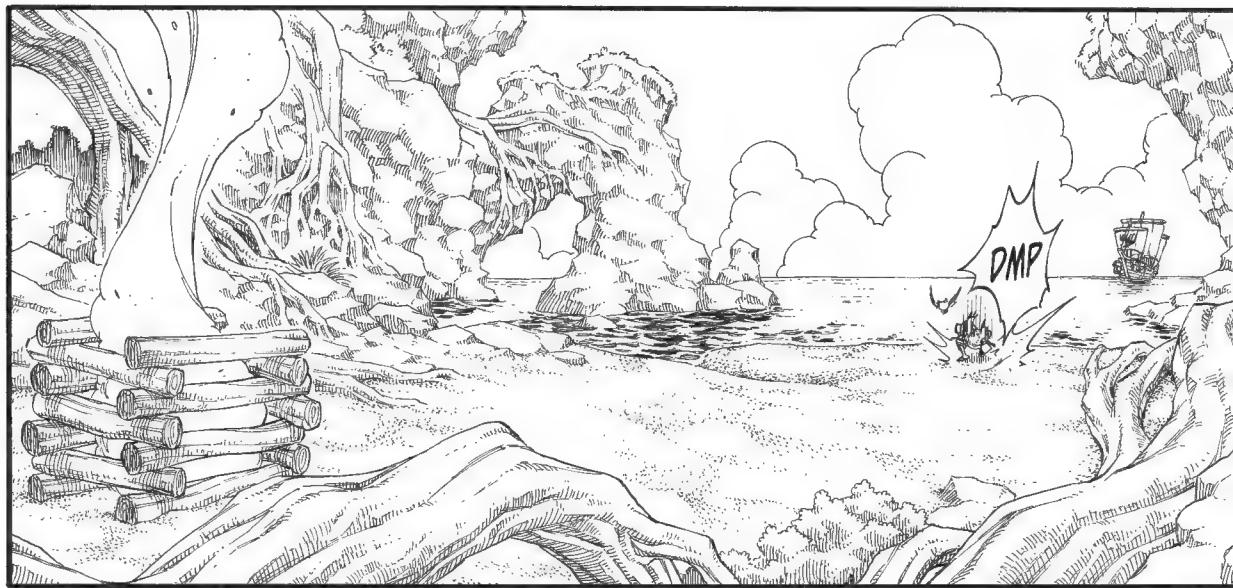
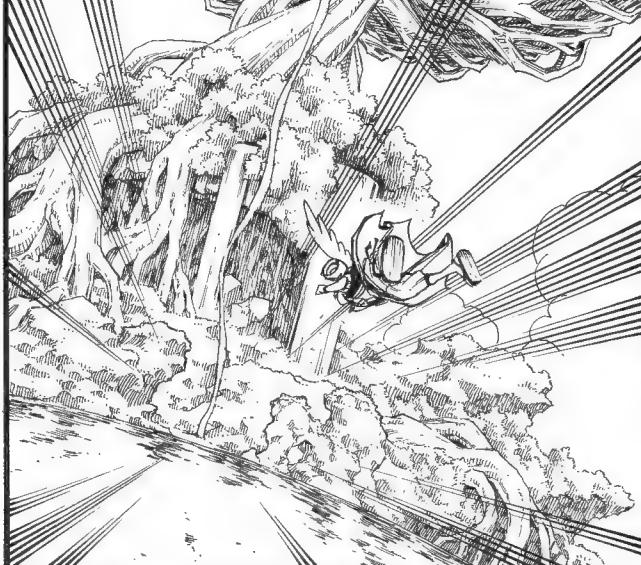
Lisanna-san,  
are you keeping up?

When did that happen ??

They're gone ??

Where?!

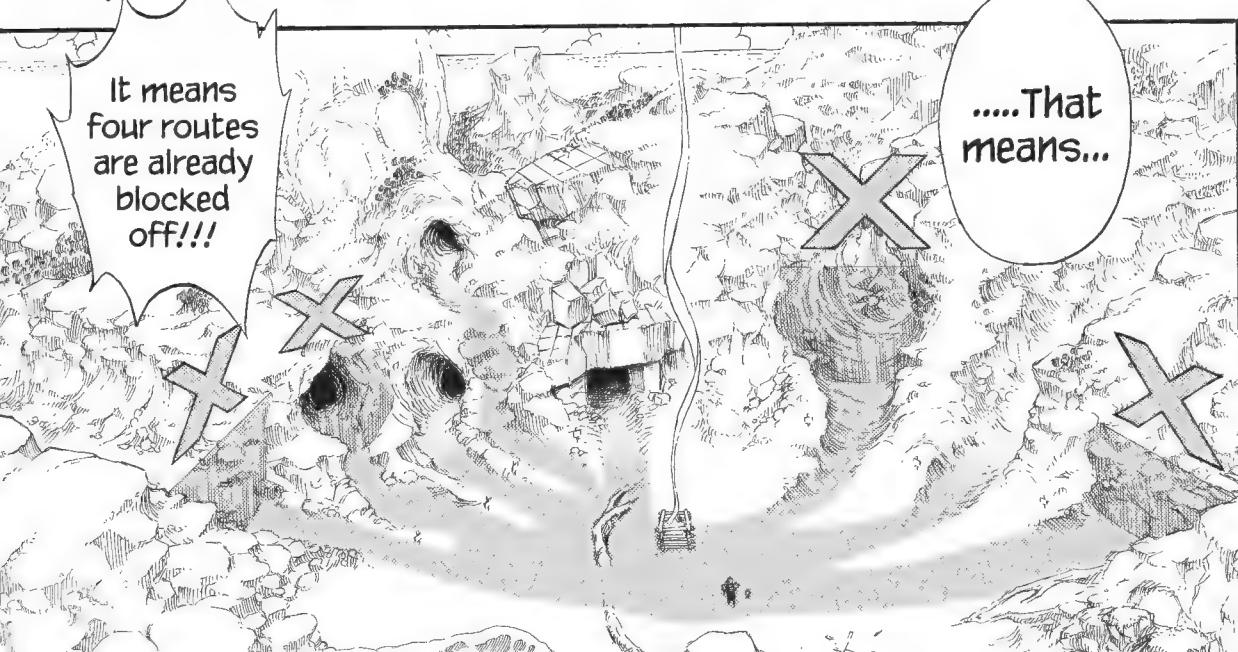
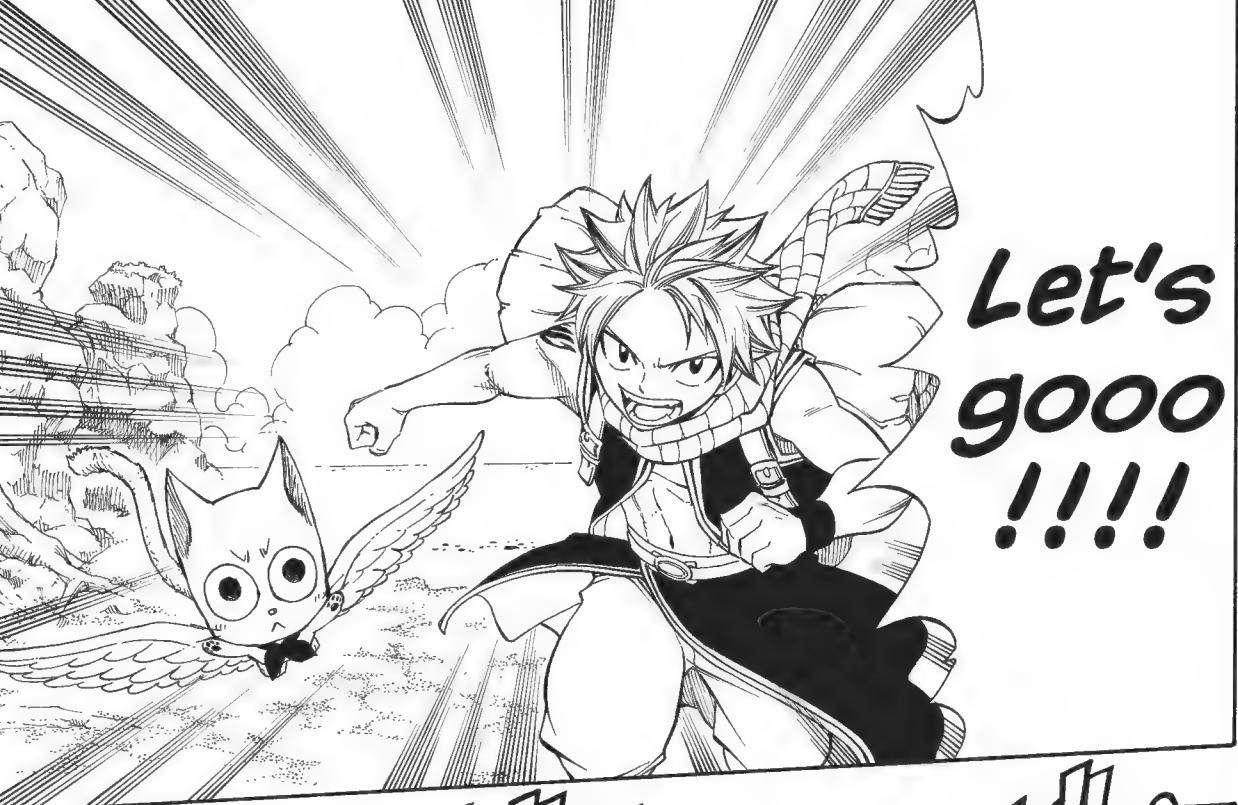
No, Mest and Wendy are still...



I feel a whole lot of magic coming up from the ground on this island!



Let's  
goooo  
!!!!



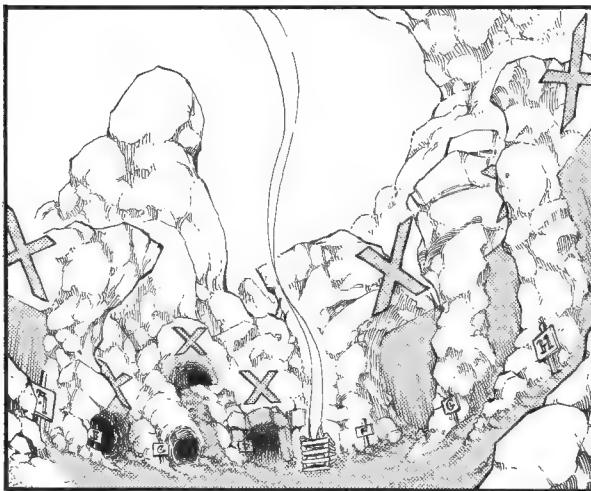
Why would you **choose**  
Erza's route?!

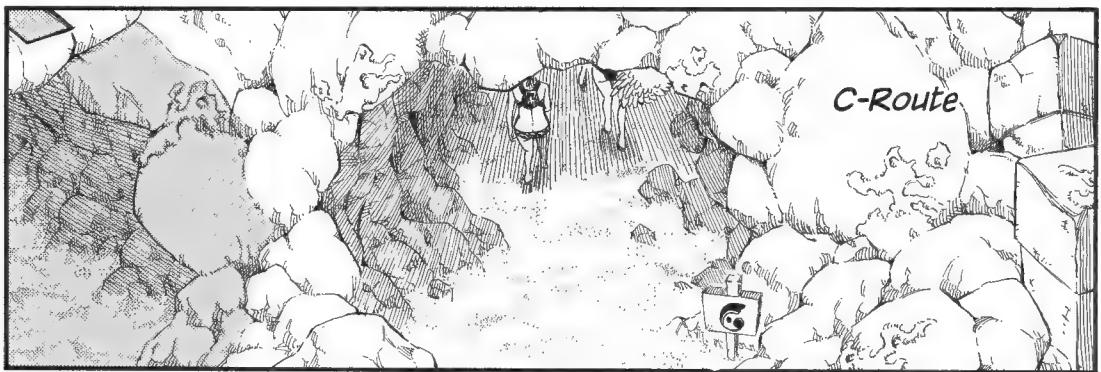
That's an E!! That's gotta mean  
that Erza's on the route!!

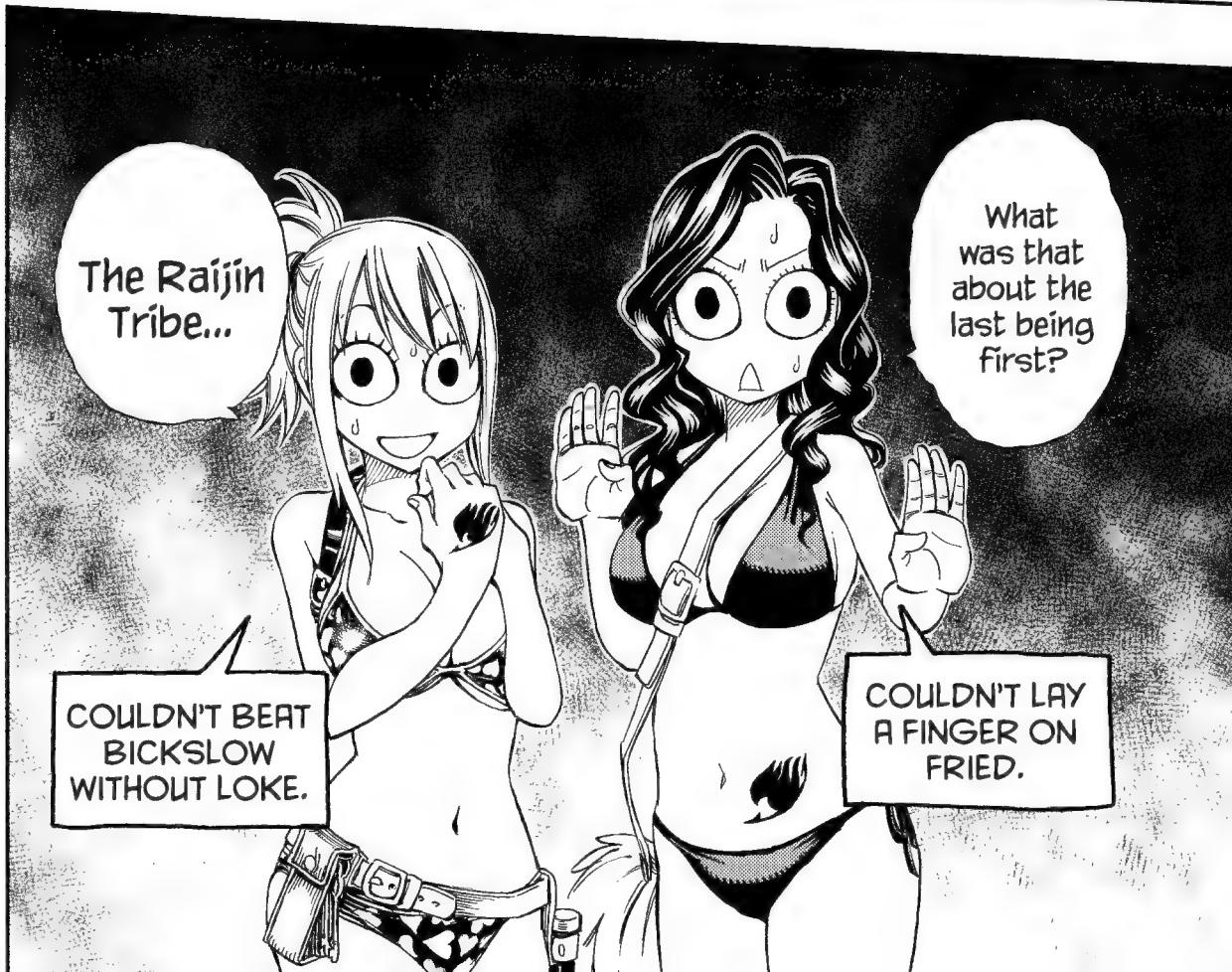
Why else?!  
I always wanted to win against her!!!

Hmm...

Which'll we take, Natsu?







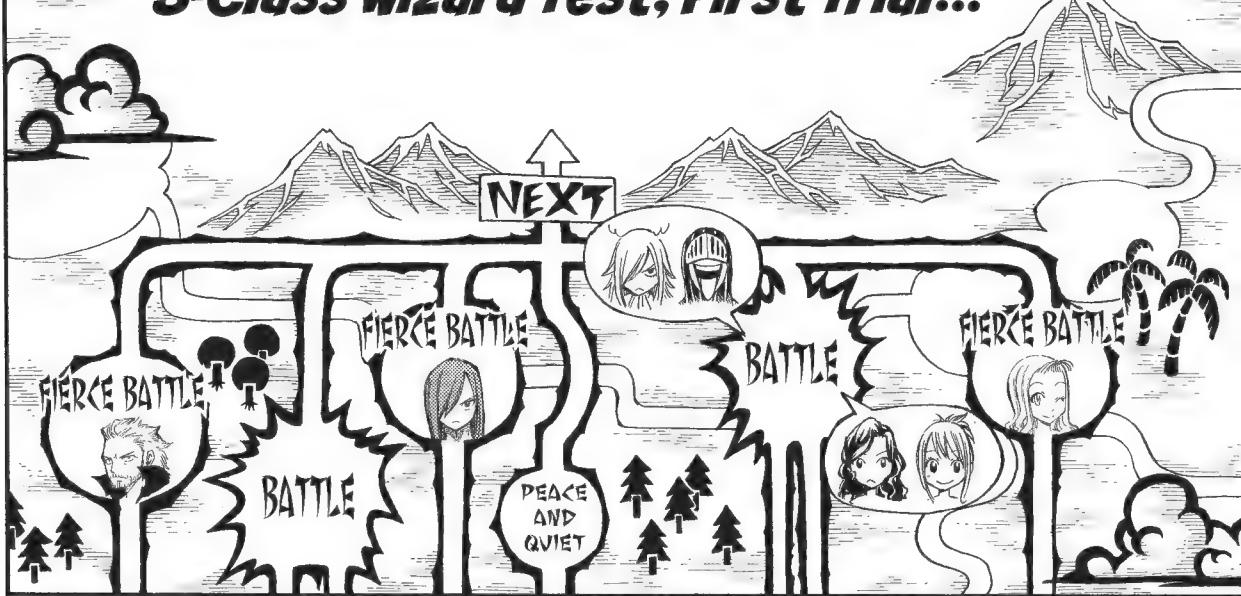
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## Chapter 204: Who Is the Lucky One



# S-Class Wizard Test, First Trial...

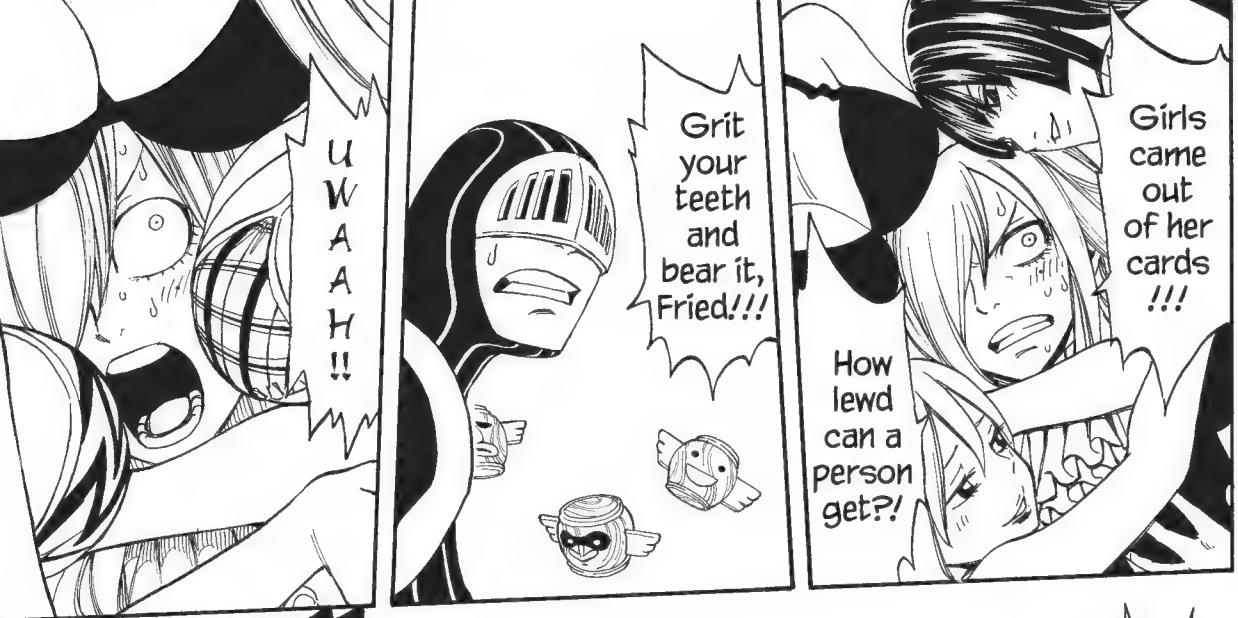


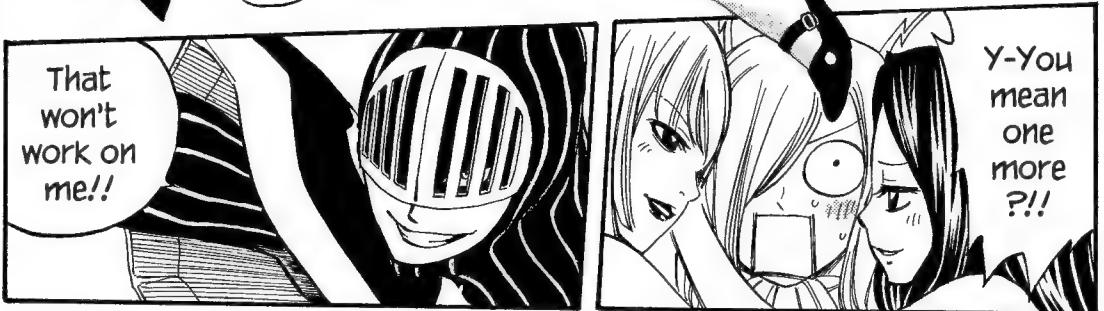


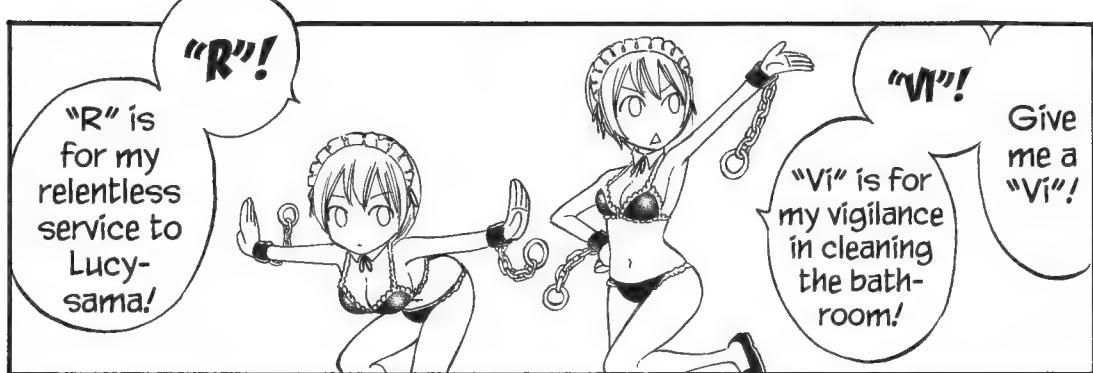


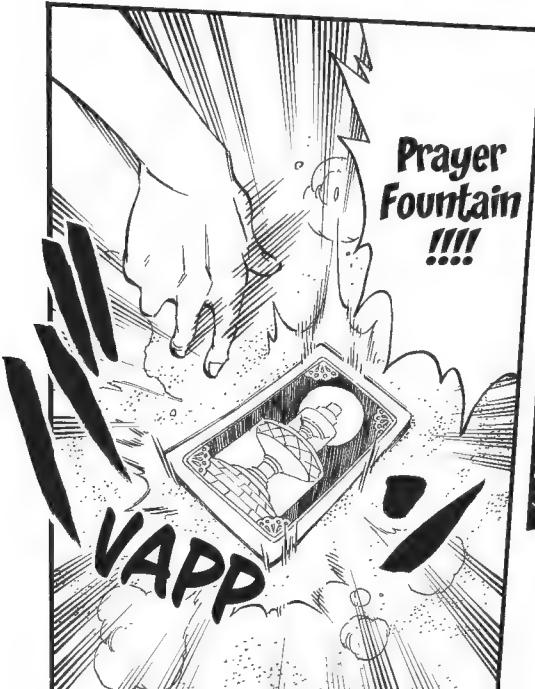
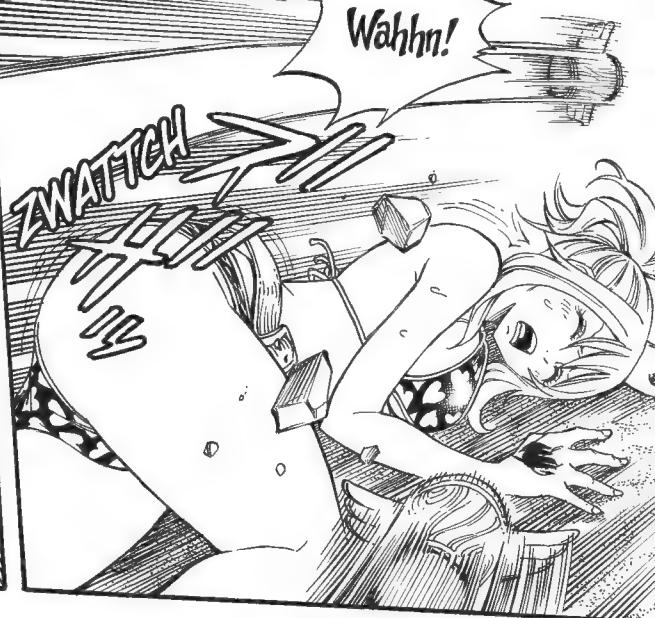
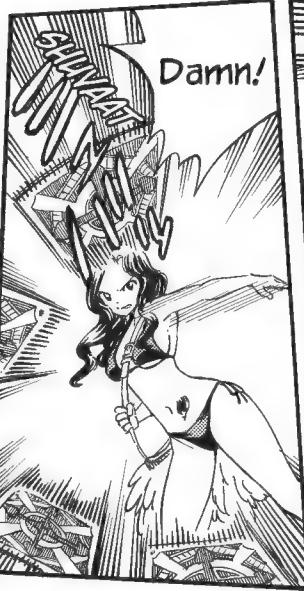
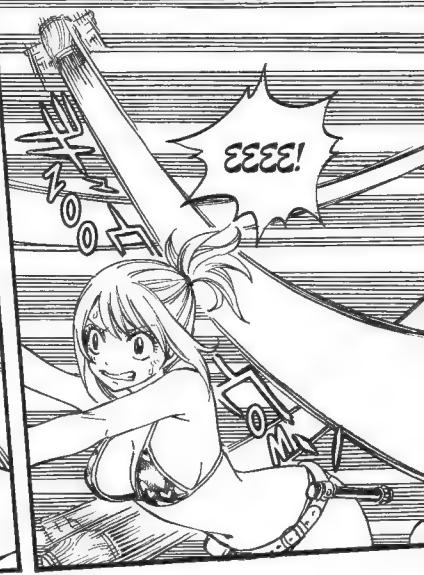
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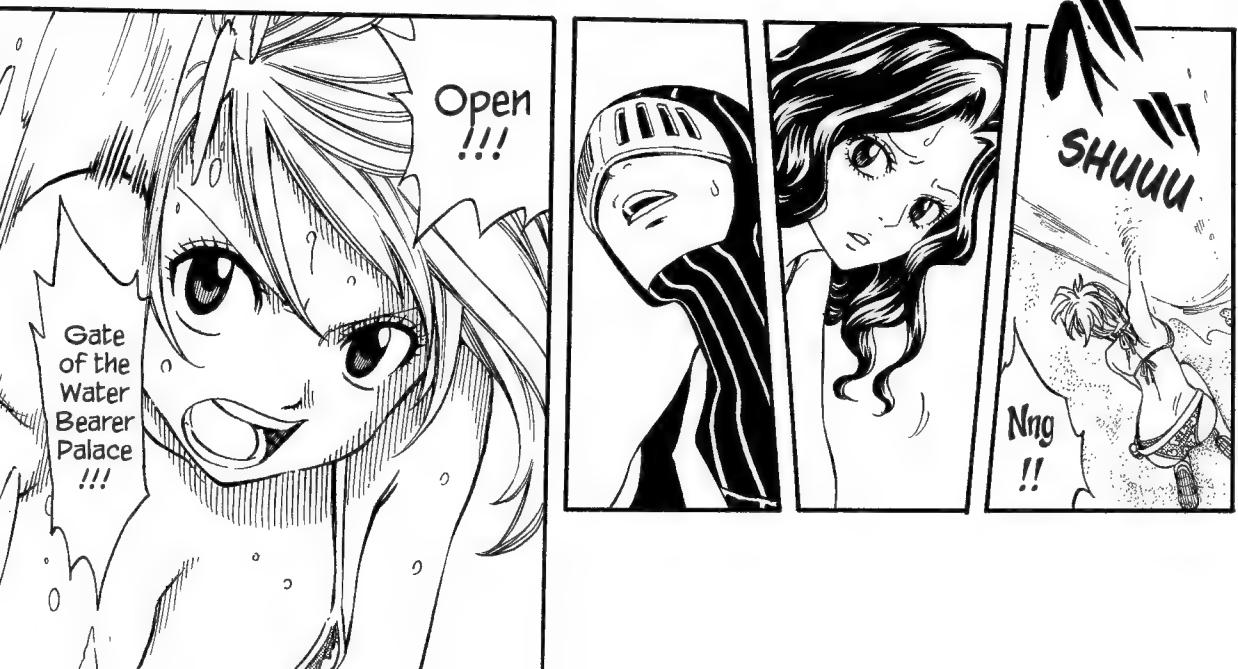
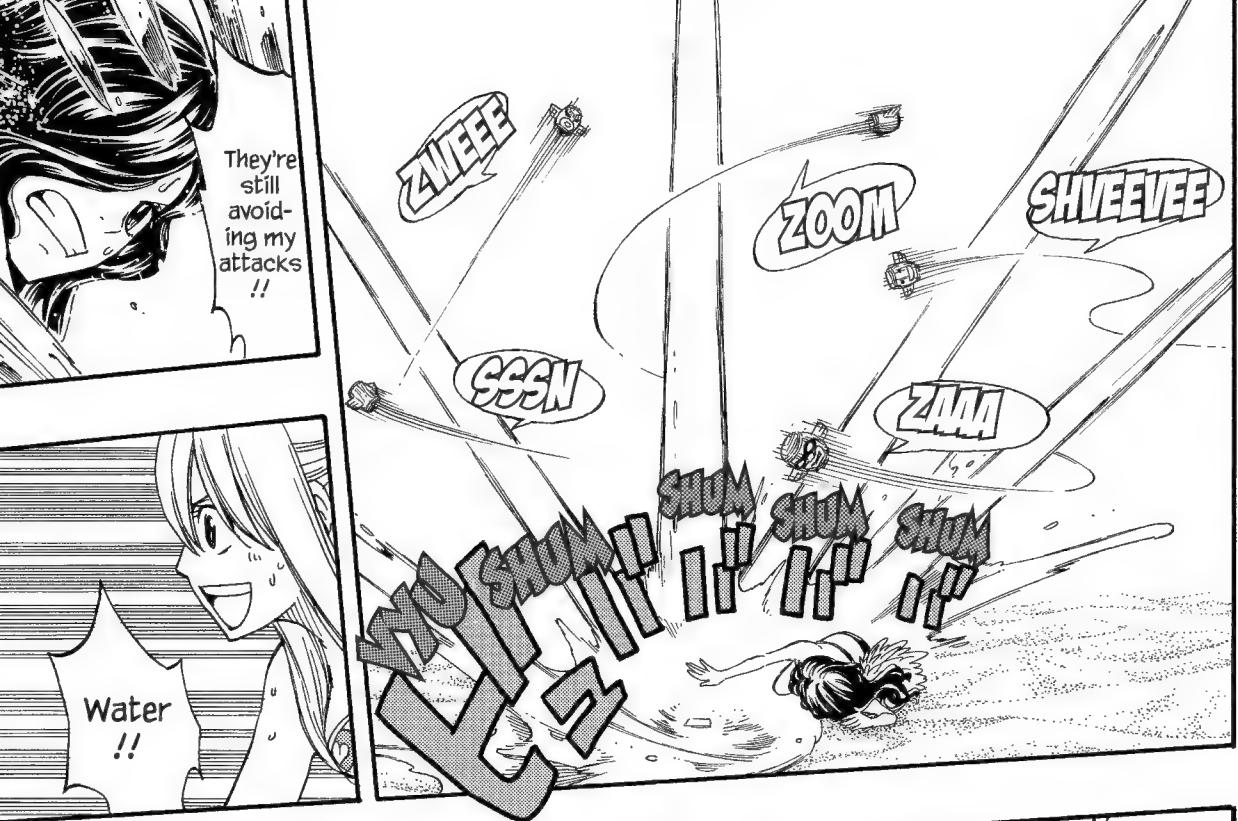












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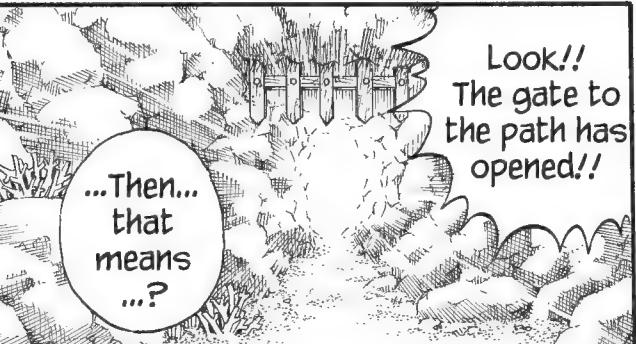
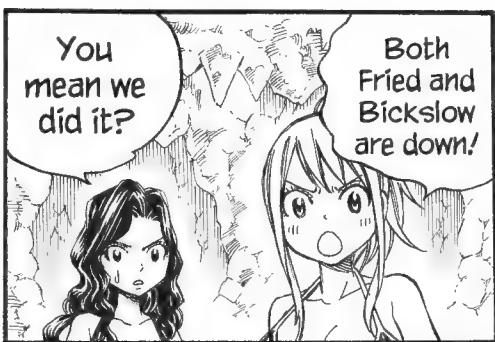
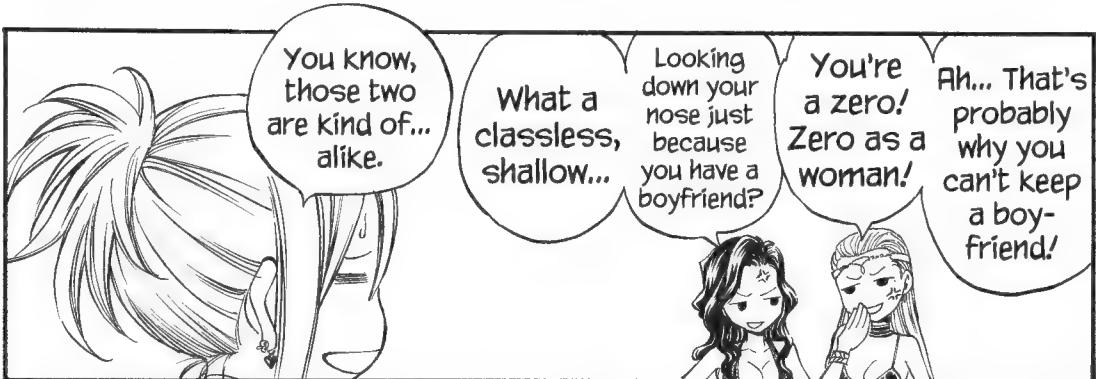
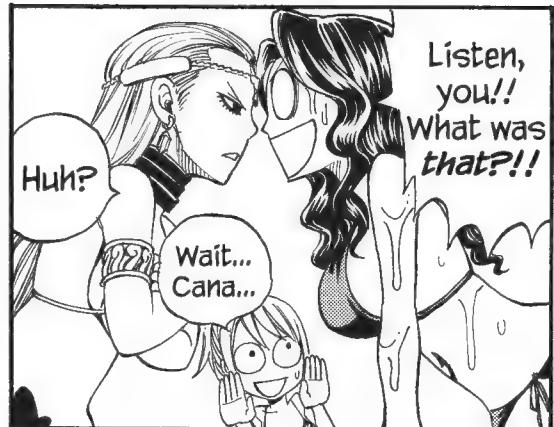
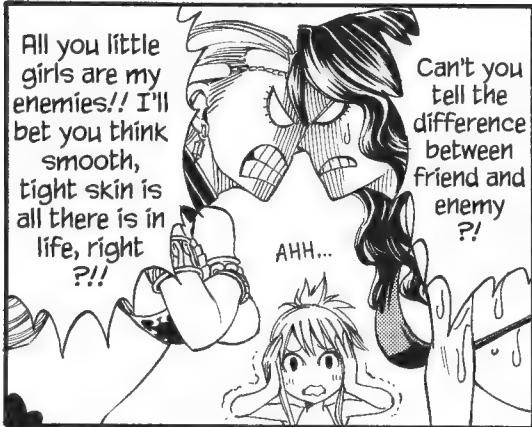
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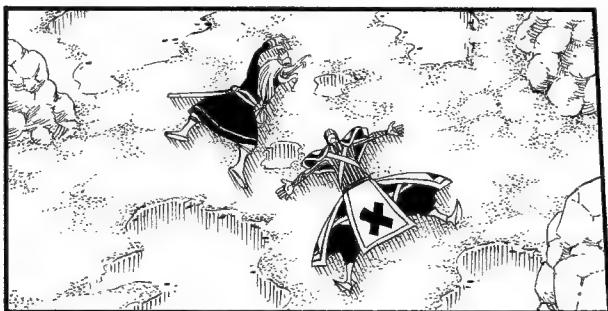
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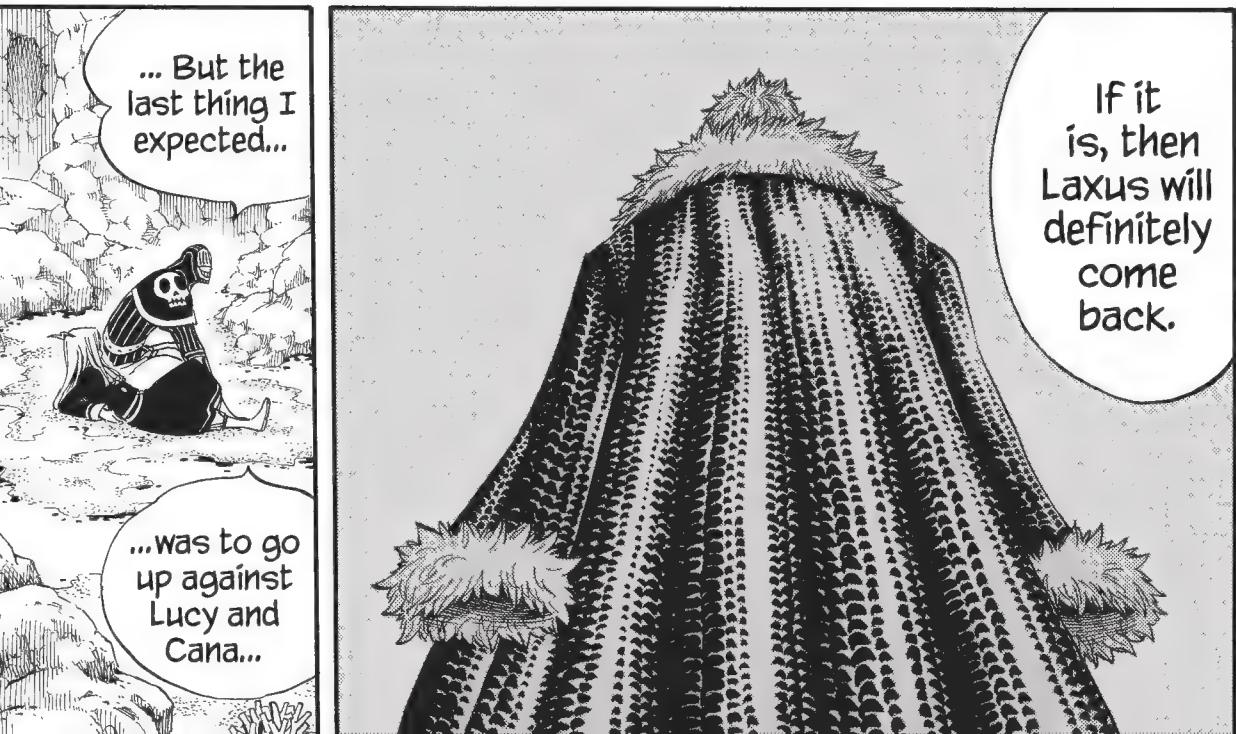
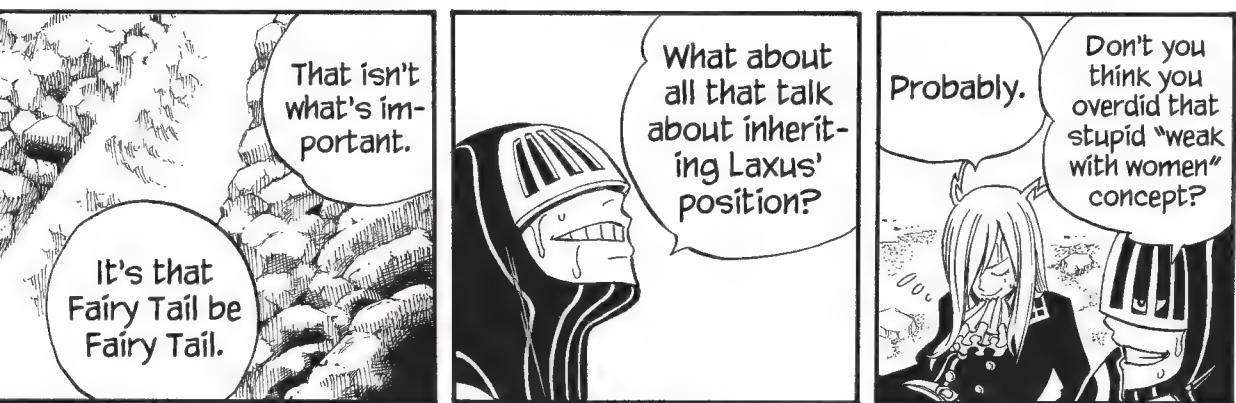
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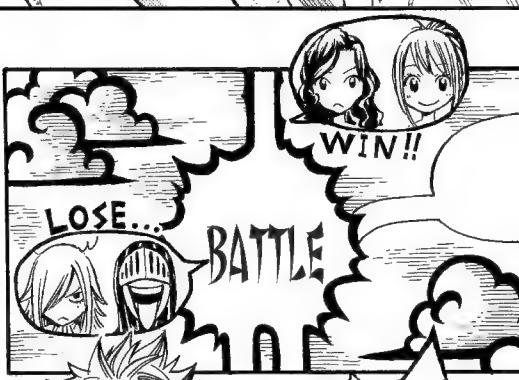






They're pretty lucky, huh?

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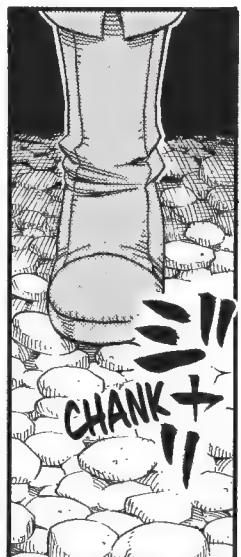
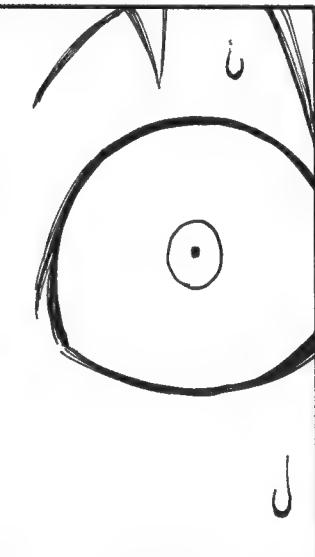
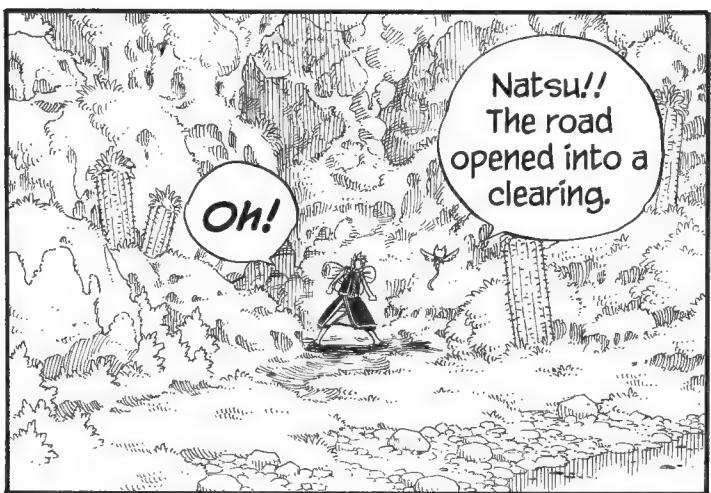


Sure I am!! It's E for Erza!! No doubt!!!

You don't know for sure that Erza's here, you know.

Let's have a show-down !!!!

Erza!! Hurry up and come fight me!!!





You know  
that I hate  
pullin' my  
punches.

Yo,  
Natsu!  
Bad luck,  
huh?

It's all  
over!

Gil-darts!!!!

GWoooo

I'M  
ALL  
FIRED  
UP  
!!!!

TO BE CONTINUED

# Afterword

# あとがき



And it's the start of, "Let the S-Class Test Begin!!" Just when I couldn't come up with a good, exciting plot, my editor made a suggestion, and it turned into this "hot" new story! I had thought of doing an S-Class test story for a while, but I had always thought of it as a contest between Natsu and Gray. But since we're here, I thought it would be a lot more fun if we got the guild into the series. So it's turned into a story that includes a lot of the guild members. But at the same time, with the huge cast, it makes both drawing and story plotting a lot more difficult. Figuring out who gets put up against who and what's going to happen in the end... It isn't the hardest thing I've ever done, but it took me a long time to work the whole thing through. Now, you can see the chaos that is my thought process, on the inside covers of the book. I mean, everything is all messed up! (By the way, my initial plan for this story and the story you will read are going to be very different.) So in the next volume, you'll find out who that mysterious man who appeared in Chapter 200 was, but I'll bet it's impossible to predict. I know that since I haven't even placed a single hint of it in the book because I want it to be a complete surprise to the readers.

# EMERGENCY REQUEST!



EXPLAIN THE  
MYSTERIES OF FAIRY TAIL!

The lake behind the guild...

Mira: Sigh...

LUCY: What's wrong? What's with the sighs all of a sudden?

Mira: There were suddenly a lot of questions without anybody asking permission...

LUCY: But that means this corner is getting popular! That's a good thing, right?

Mira: It also means that there is a lot to complain about with this book.

: Now, now. Let's not overthink it. Let's pick up our game and get to the first question.

In the side story in Volume 19, Lucy said she had been in the guild for a year, but in the continuing story, it's only half a year. What is that about?



: That question...comes up a lot.

LUCY: I guess it can be a little hard to follow.

Mira: The truth is the side stories take place a little while ahead of the main story.



: But you know... About now the author will be having a few problems.



Mira: True. It seems that he thought the guild of a year from now would be pretty much the same as the guild is now.  
LUCY: Yeah, the whole thing is beginning to look a little suspicious...

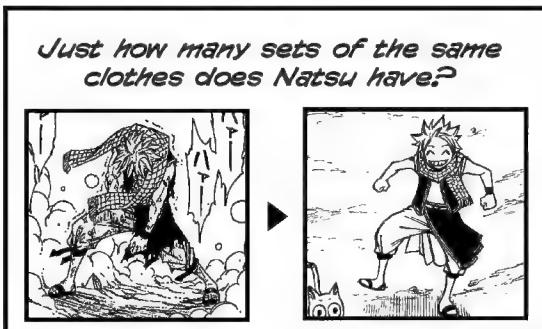
: So I'll clear it all up right now. From now on, if there are any discrepancies between the side stories and the continuing story line, those side stories all become **LUCY'S DREAM**, and we'll leave it at that.



: You're going to actually use the old, "It was all a dream" cliché?!!



Mira: Next question.



Continued from the left-hand page. ↓

LUCY: They're always getting ripped to shreds, and later they're right back to normal, huh?

Mira: Those clothes are a special type that doesn't burn.



: Wha?! Is that right?!!

Mira: Sure! They were made special for him by a Magnolia tailor.

LUCY: He could get a different design now and again.



: Face it. It's a pain to come up with things like that. For the author...



: You shouldn't be saying things like that...

How was Mystogan able to close the anima?



Mira: Before we try to answer that, first we have to reveal a bit of Mystogan's back story.

LUCY: His real name is Jellal. He's the Jellal from Edolas.

Mira: A long time ago, when Laxus said, "Another..." that's what he was talking about. "Another Jellal," was what he was about to say.

LUCY: How Laxus knew about it is a mystery though.

Mira: And six years ago, he came to Earth-land to close the anima.

LUCY: Anima are those holes in the sky, remember?

Mira: Right! Mystogan used those rods of his to close the holes in the sky. He'd go, "Unf!" and do it.



: Really...? But Mystogan was originally from Edolas, so he doesn't have any magic inside him...



: All of his magic came from those rods he always carried around with him.

LUCY: I wonder if everybody from there is doing okay...

Mira: They're fine! I'm sure they're all doing just great! After all, Mystogan is a member of the Fairy Tail guild!



: That's true, huh?



: Mira!

Mira: Lisanna!!

Lisanna: Lucy's here too!! We have to go!! The party's about to start!!

LUCY: Party?

Lisanna: The party celebrating my coming back to life!! Yaay!

Mira: You're right. Shall we go?



: (Great! It looks like Mira's happy and not sighing anymore!)

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# FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

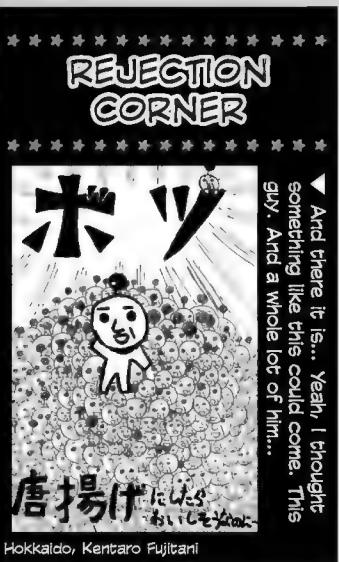
The Fairy Tail Guild d'Art is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a post card or at post-card size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!



▲ There are a lot of Wendy postcards!! Thanks!!



▲ The best combination!! These guys are tough!



By sending in letters or postcards you give us permission to give your name, address, postal code and any other information you include to the author as is. Please keep that in mind.

▲ And there it is... Yeah! I thought something like this could come. This guy. And a whole lot of him...



▲ So what's going to happen between these two?



▲ Look at all those characters! Thank you for all the work!



▲ It's Natsu and Lisanna, friends since childhood.



▲ What's this?! Someone who has been reading me ever since my debut work? Wait, that's good!



▲ Whoa!! Everybody's suddenly grown fangs!



▲ A rather sad Carla. It's a good thing that she made it back safely!



▲ Now this is amazing!! I'm sure it was a hard thing to draw!! Good job!!



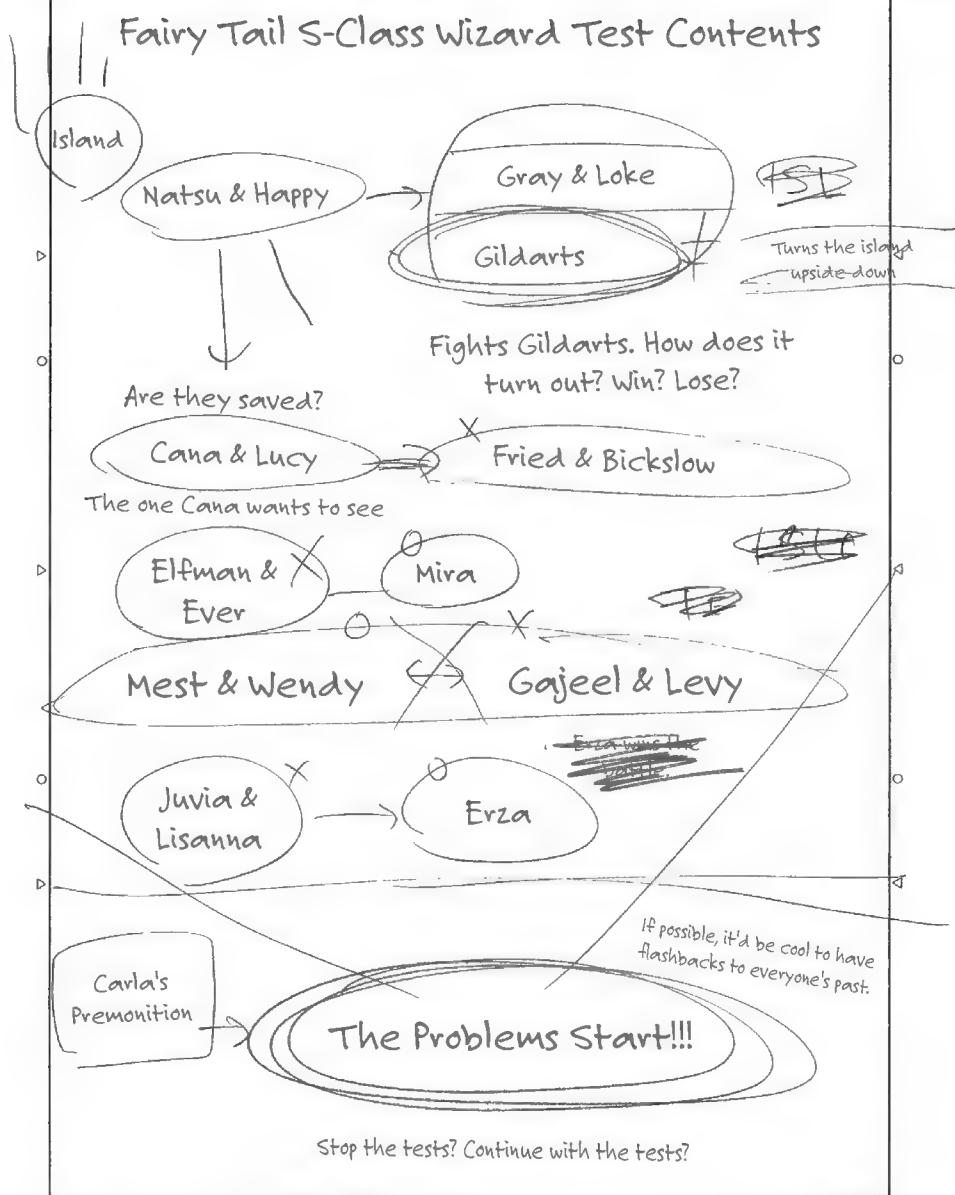
▲ For some reason Coco is immensely popular. Will she show up again sometime?



▲ Oh, hey! That's good! This person draws Carla better than I do!

# Fairy Tail

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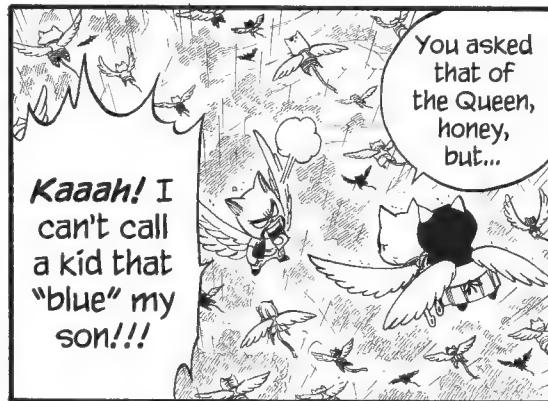
I've got too much to do lately.  
But it's all things I can't tell you  
about yet!  
I had to think about *that*.  
I had to get to work drawing *that*.  
I had to check *that* thoroughly.  
I had to...  
I had to...  
You get the picture.  
I just have too much to do that isn't  
connected with putting out my  
weekly installments in *Magazine!*  
My head is in chaos!  
I want you all to know about it now!

# Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

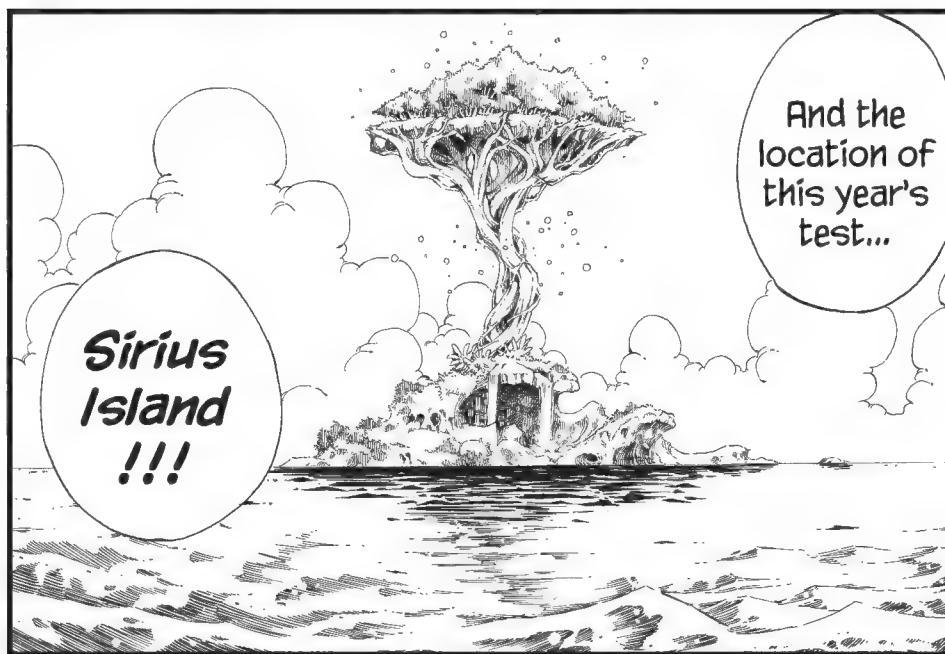
## Page 37, Blue

In Japanese, the word for "blue," *ao*, covers a range of colors from pale green to deep blue. So when someone is "green," (as in inexperienced), they use the term, *ao*, instead of "green." Unfortunately the pun doesn't work well in English considering Happy's deep blue coloring, so I left the sentence as a literal translation.



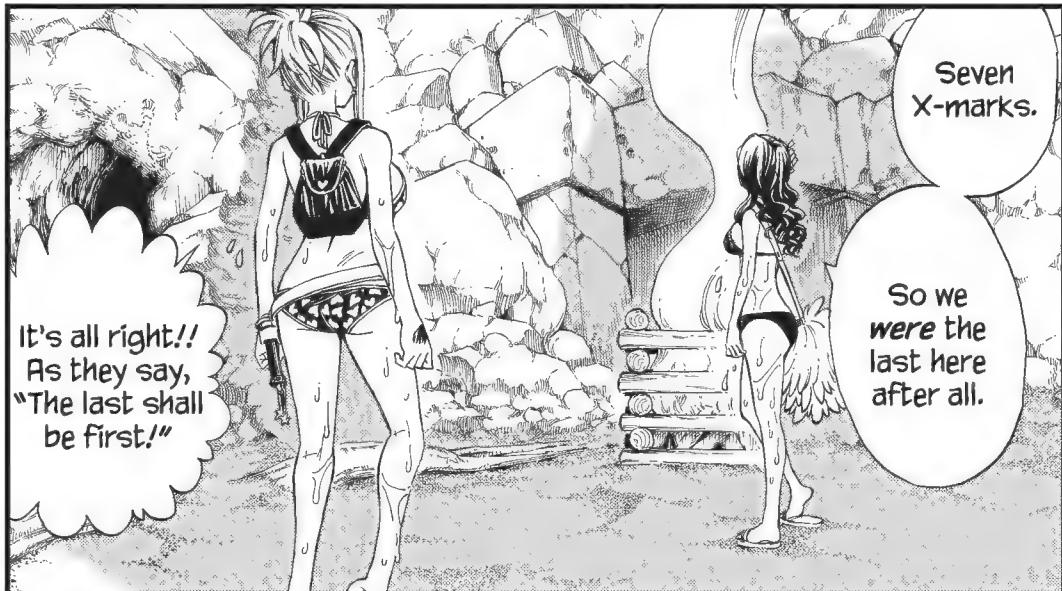
## Page 101, Sirius Island

The Japanese name for this island is Tenrō-jima ("Heaven Wolf Island,") but Tenrō is also the name for the Dog Star of the heavens, Sirius.



## Page 144, The last shall be first

In the original, this was a common Japanese phrase, "Nokorimono ni wa fuku ga aru," meaning that those who are left behind have special providence.



## Page 145, Spirit-luminescent

The original Japanese was, *riekōmushi*, which, using different kanji, is the same Japanese word for bioluminescence. In bioluminescence, the first kanji is *rei* and means, "cold" (referring to a light source other than fire or incandescence). In the Fairy Tail world, the first kanji is also pronounced *rei*, but it means "ghost" or "spirit."



## Page 153, "Vi"

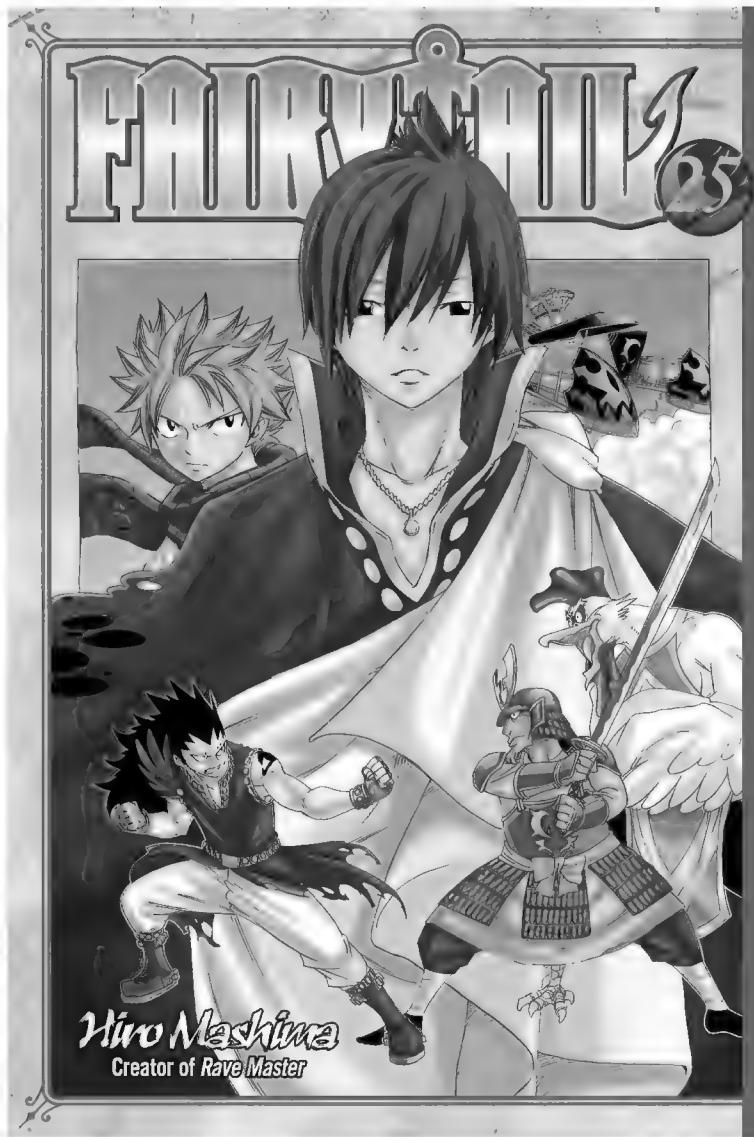
### is for vigilant cleaning

The Japanese version was pretty much the same, only it used the Japanese syllabery rather than the alphabet. So Virgo, which is spelled *Barugo* in Japanese, used the same "Vi" is for" pattern, but instead did it for "ba," "ru," and "go."

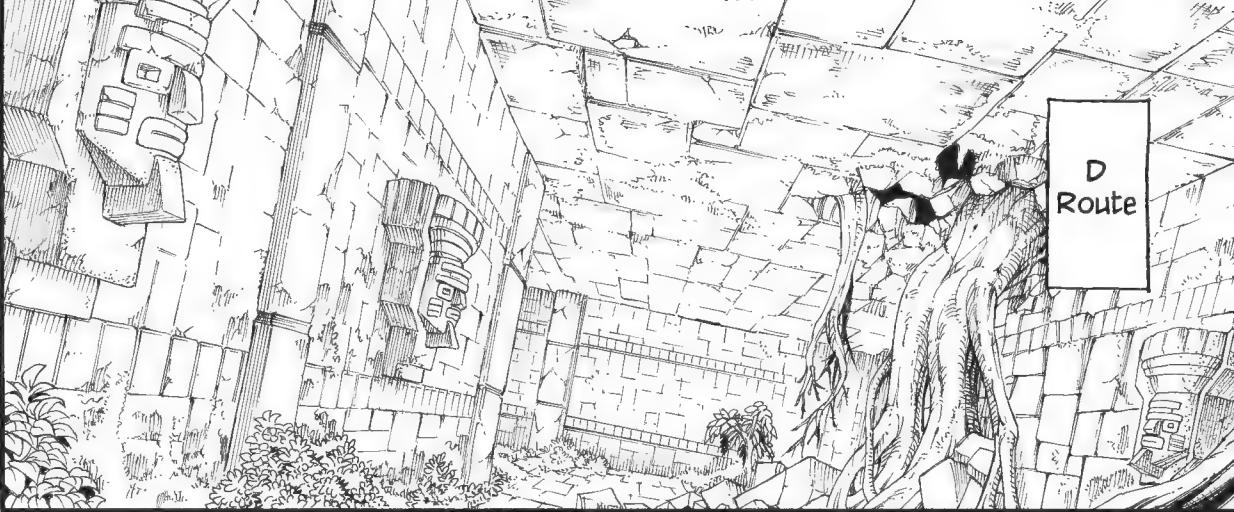


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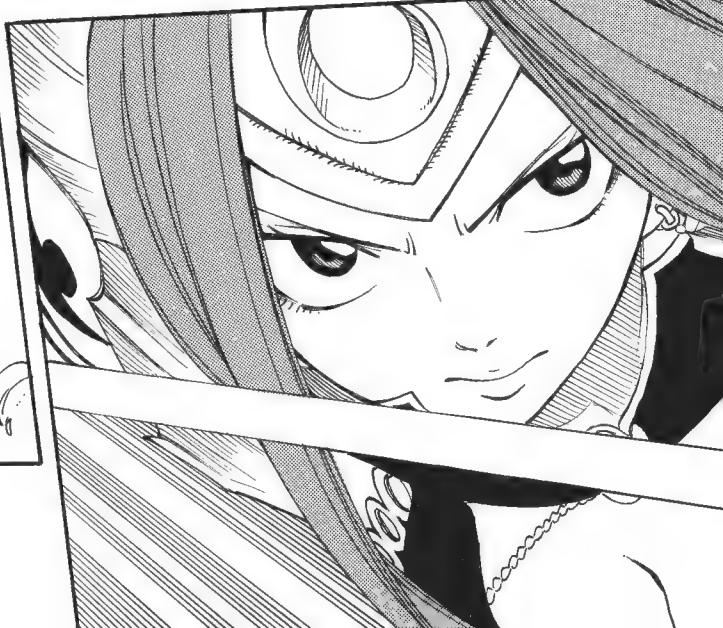
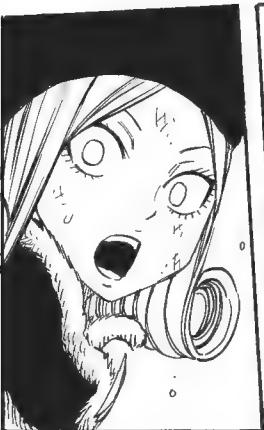
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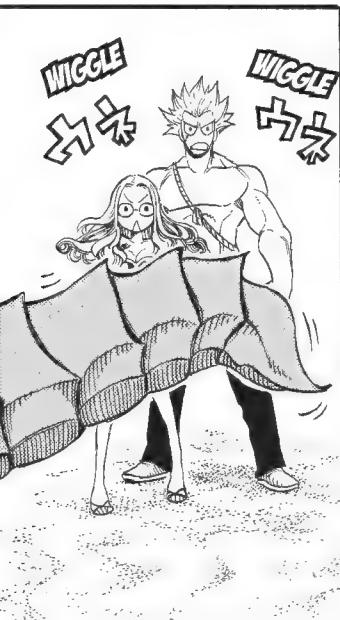
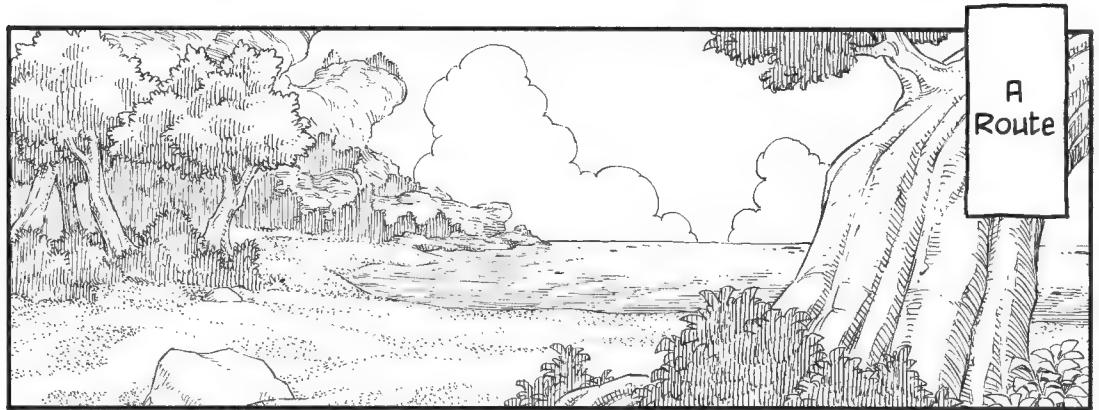
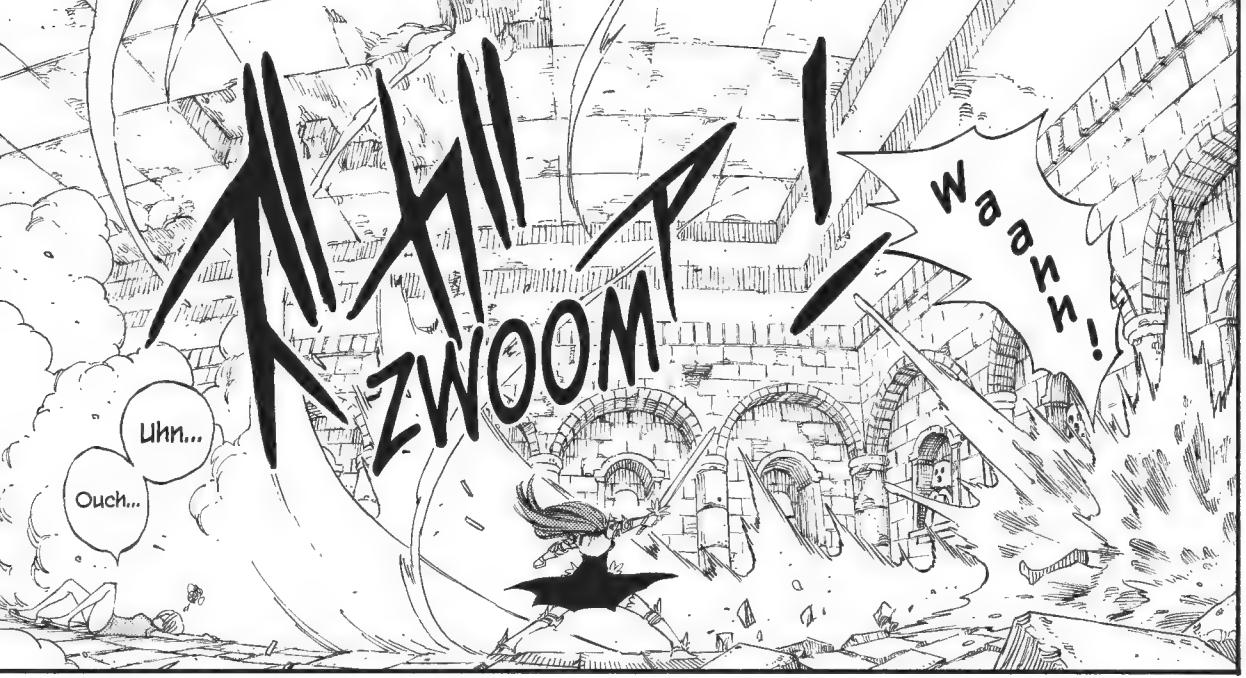


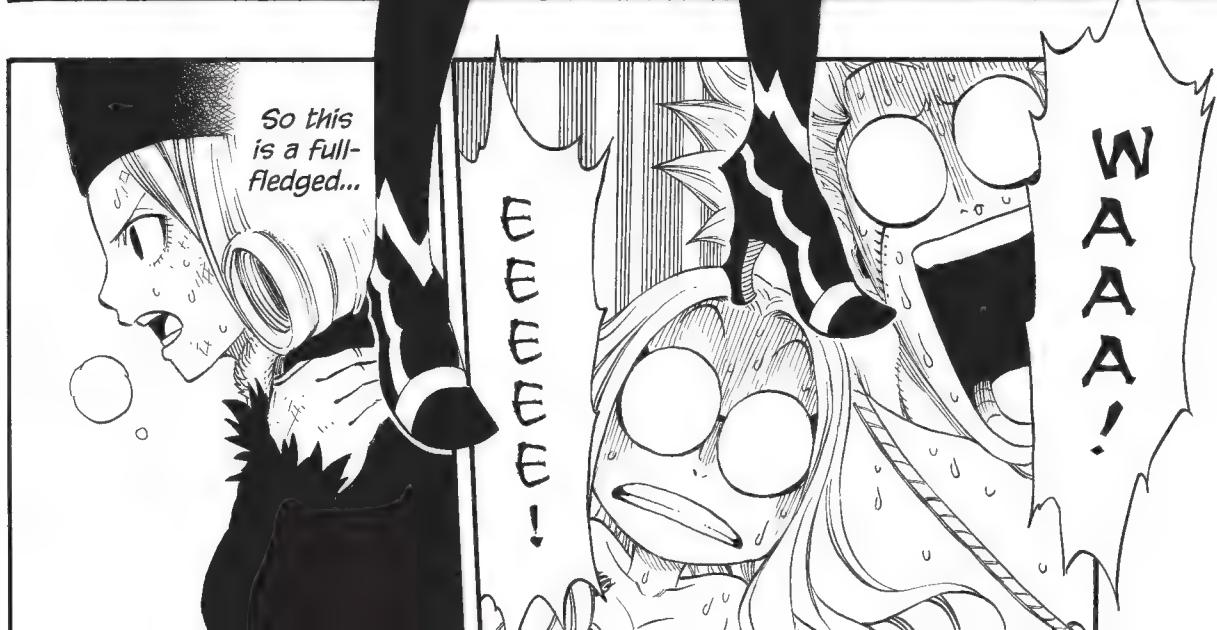




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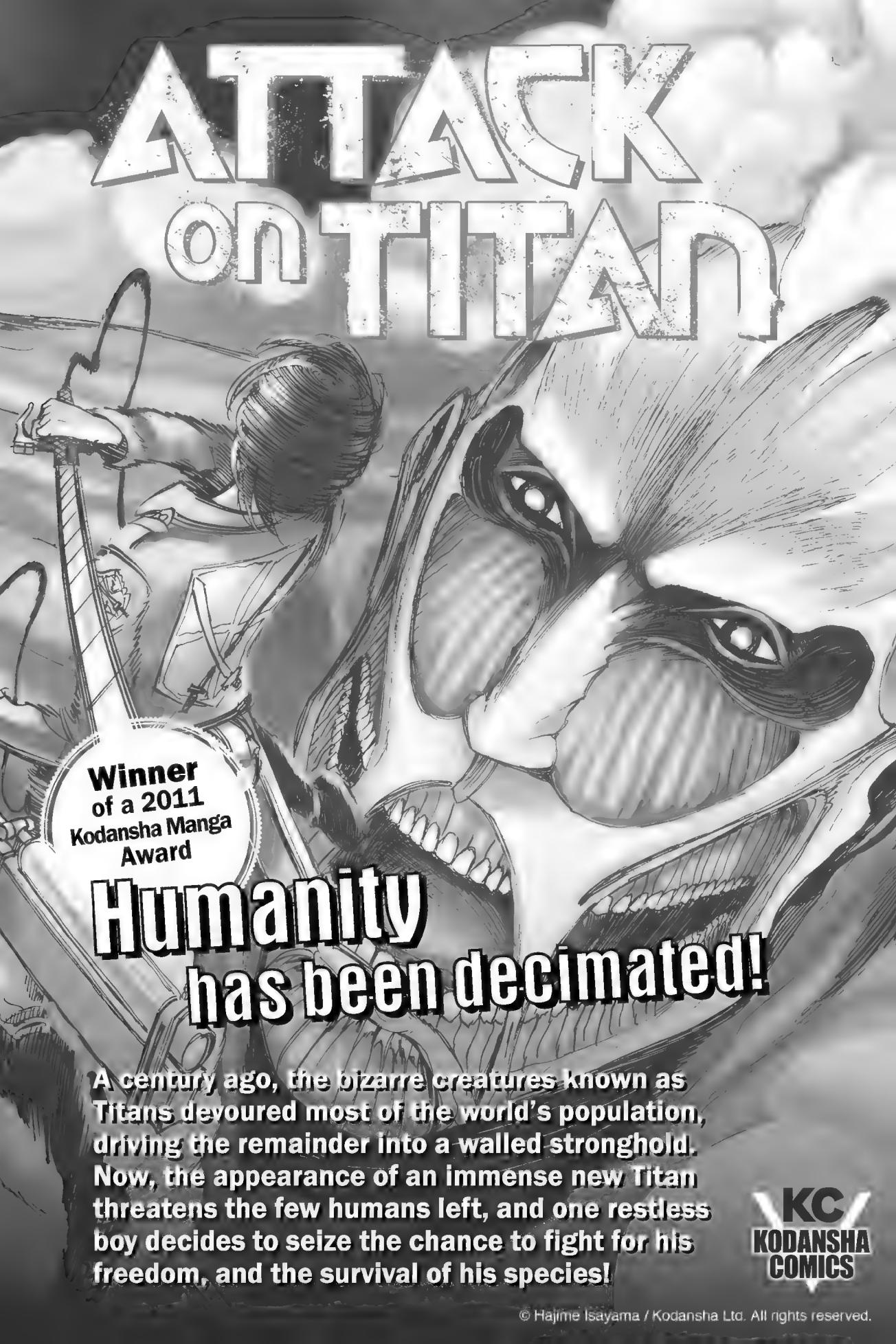




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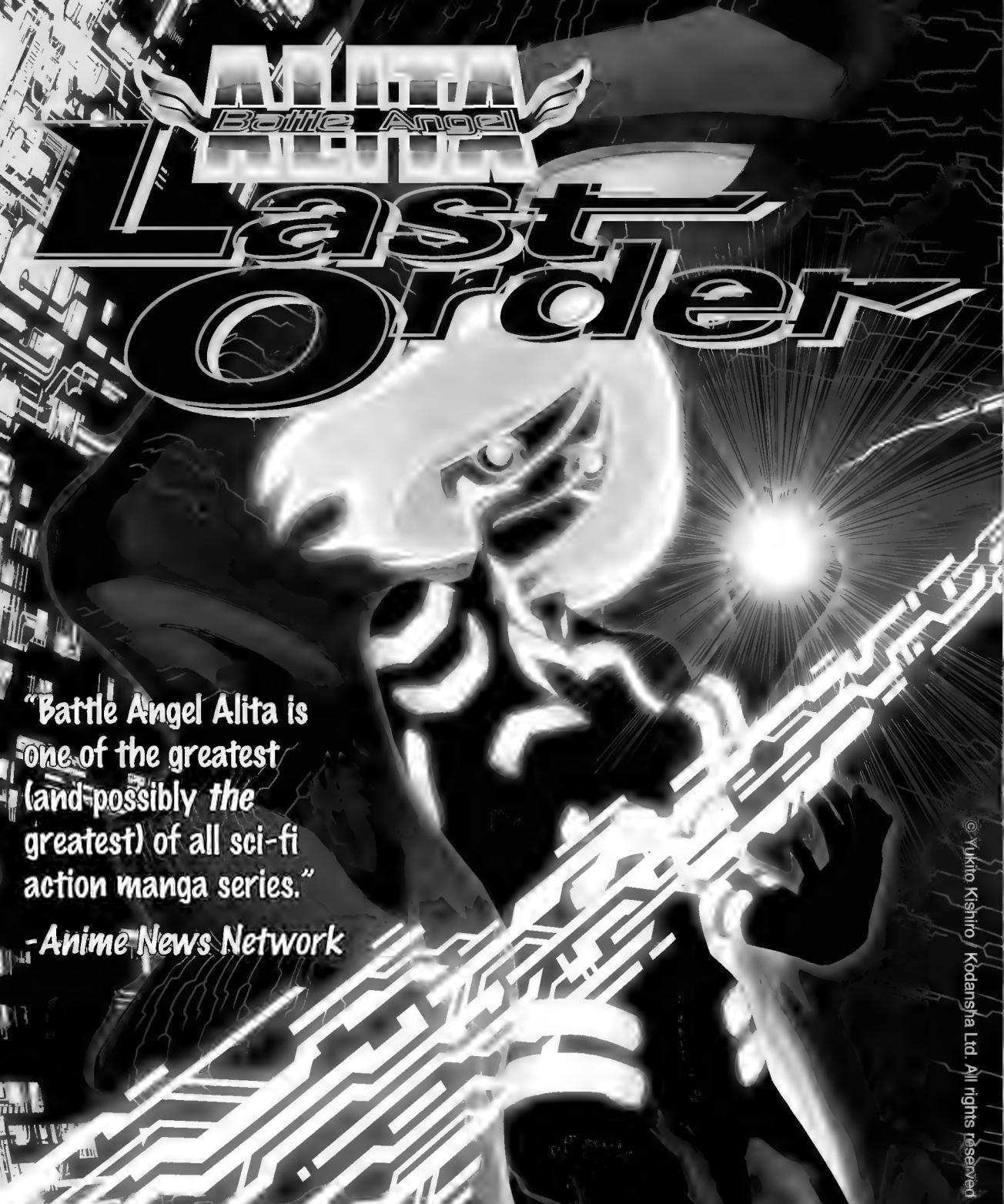


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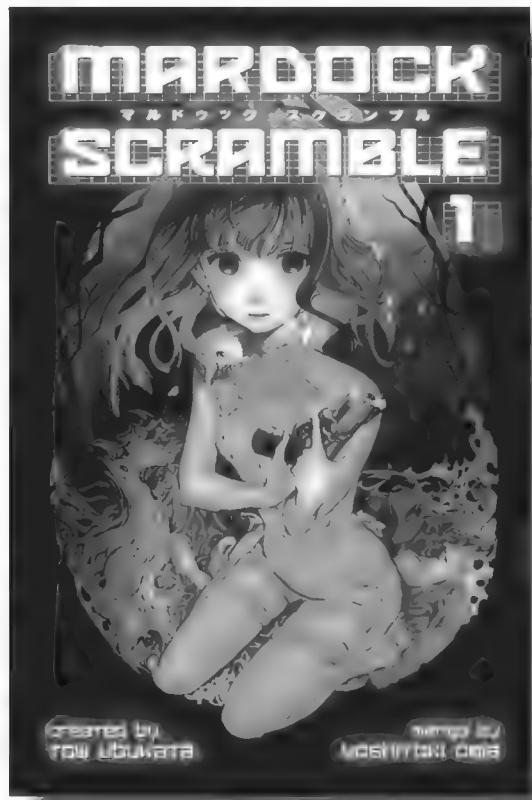


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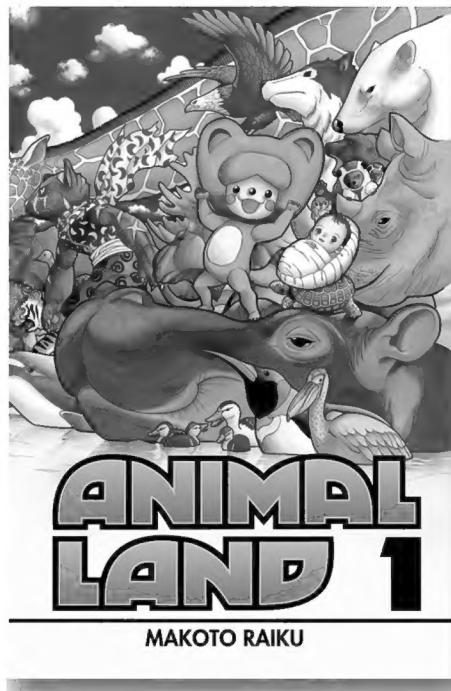
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